

COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Opportunity

DEVELOPMENTS in the China civil war now affecting the islands north of Formosa and off the coast of the mainland, bringing in their wake talk about a possible ceasefire arrangement and, over in Washington, contemplation of American assistance in evacuating the Nationalists from the Tachen group of islands, require a two-way appraisal—military and political.

It would appear the Chinese Nationalists have no chance of preventing all of the islands north and north-west of Formosa from falling to the Communists. Only by direct American intervention could the Tachen group be successfully defended, and if for no other reason than the Pentagon has already discounted the strategic value of the islands, intervention along the lines of active defence is ruled out.

There remains the second type of intervention that of American warships helping to evacuate Nationalist forces from the islands. Manifestly this would entail one very big risk, namely the Communist air force stepping in and trying to prevent such an operation. But even these potentialities must be evaluated in relation to political considerations.

DESPITE the recent gush of Peking propaganda about the urgency of "liberating" the islands off Chekiang and Formosa itself, there is reason to believe that this objective stands secondary to the desire of the Peking regime to obtain recognition by and admission into the United Nations Organisation.

It may be taken for granted that Mr. Hammarskjold has impressed on him Communist China's ambitions concerning UN membership. It is a political contingency which could have a vast impact on the entire Far East situation.

Viewed in this light, President Eisenhower's plan for patience by the American public over the continued imprisonment of the UN flyers and his strong support for a ceasefire arrangement in the civil war, possess special significance.

A new atmosphere appears to be in the making and with it a notable opportunity for Peking to make a practical contribution towards greatly lessening tension in the Far East, by renouncing its designs on Formosa.

Safety Pledge To Relatives Of Imprisoned Flyers

Saturday Mail Features

Here is a guide to your week-end reading:

P. 5: Donald Ludlow makes an investigation into why so many Jamaicans leave the Sunshine Isle for the U.K. World's Strangest Story: "The Little Man Who Made the World Laugh" by C.D.T. Baker-Carr: Gilex.

P. 6: Hidden Mysteries of the Undersea Jungle, episode two, by Jean Foucher: Gilex. Two-Gun Cohen speaks to Million Shulman on his past, present and future and the future of China.

P. 7: Secrets of International Crime. A.J. Forrest continues his revelations from the files of Interpol: Focus on Peter Finch, who has just been awarded a £70,000 film contract, by Thomas Whelan.

P. 8: A famous novelist has her face lifted, by Frank Bloom; David Lewis takes you along to the gay new world of one-night jazz; William Hickey among the Liverpoolians.

P. 13: Sir Beverley Baxter gives his views of the Labour Party; Walter Kolars discusses the volte-face of the Greek Communist Party; Chapman Pincher reports on a national poll on marriage life.

New Cure For Hiccups

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Two Brooklyn physicians have discovered a drug which will cure hiccups almost instantaneously, an American Medical Association report said today.

Drs. Charles E. Friedgood and Charles B. Ripstein said that all but four of 50 patients stopped hiccuping when given chlorpromazine.

The physicians added that though hiccups may be just a nuisance to most people, in some instances they "may progress to exhaust the patient's strength and produce marked depression or even death."

After receiving one injection of the new drug, a patient who had been hiccuping continuously for nine months was immediately cured, they said.—United Press.

PERSONAL GUARANTEE BY UN OFFICIAL Peking Invitation

United Nations, Jan. 21.

Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, tonight said he would hold himself responsible for the security of American relatives who wanted to go to Peking to visit American airmen imprisoned by the Chinese Communists.

He gave this personal guarantee after the United States government said it could not encourage relatives to go to an area "where the normal protections of an American passport cannot be offered."

Eleven American airmen have been convicted by Chinese courts on charges of "espionage" and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. The reference to American prisoners whose cases were still under investigation was believed to refer to four members of a jet aircraft crew taken prisoner by the Chinese Communists more recently.

Earlier today the Chinese Communists had made an unprecedented offer to allow their relatives to visit "those United States personnel who have been convicted and whose whose cases were under investigation."

The 13 imprisoned Americans (11 airmen and two civilians), this men formed the crew of a B-29 bomber, shot down, and were captured by the Chinese.

Mr Hammarskjold passed this information on to Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the American UN delegate, last Monday. The documents had been given to the UN Secretary-General before he left Peking, after his recent bid to obtain the release of the American flyers.

Secretariat sources said that on arriving in Peking, Mr Hammarskjold had immediately asked Mr Chou how the prisoners were being treated. Mr Chou at once agreed to supply full information and at the same time he said that four members of a jet aircraft crew were being held in northern China. It would take longer to obtain information about them. The Chinese Premier was understood to send Mr Hammarskjold details about their treatment in New York as soon as he had received the information. This report has not arrived at UN headquarters, said the sources.—France-Press.

Big Sweep Draw

A second edition of the China Mail will appear later today containing the full draw in the mammoth Pearce Memorial cash sweepstakes, first prize for which is \$693,554.

The names of 101 ponies go into the draw and non-runners will each give lucky ticket-holders \$6,539.

The Defence Department, the relatives said, had also asked them to inform the government if they decided to go to China.

INFORMATION GIVEN

United Nations Secretariat sources revealed that Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai had given Mr Hammarskjold written information and photographs describing the state of health and living conditions of

Costa Rica Revolution Squashed Says Govt.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 21.

A government communiqué reported a virtual end to the fighting in the Costa Rican revolution today and President Jose Figueres hailed it as a "victory for the democracies of the Western Hemisphere."

The communiqué said some pockets of resistance remained throughout the battle zone of Northern Costa Rica but said the government "expects annihilation of surrender of these points during the day."

The government victory was clinched shortly before dawn when a loyalist column on horseback, led by the famous Costa Rican soldier of fortune Frank Marshall, captured the key rebel towns of Puerto Sol and La Cruz, only five miles from the Nicaraguan frontier.

The fall of Puerto Sol and La Cruz eliminated the last base for the insurgents, who landed on the Pacific coast, on January 11 and prepared for the 175-mile push to the capital that never materialised.

CREDIT GIVEN OAS

President Figueres described it as "less a military triumph than a victory for the democracies of the Western Hemisphere." He credited the Organisation of the American States' prompt "collective intervention" for blunting the revolution.

At the instigation of the OAS, this demilitarised nation was given an air arm. An OAS-patrolled buffer zone both prevented further supplies from reaching the rebels and averted the danger of a possible border clash with Nicaragua.

Frontline officers said the rebels either were surrendering or slipping away into the hills or across the border. Loyal officers returning to the capital today said the main bulk of the rebel forces appeared to have fled across the border and a returning pilot said he had found practically no targets.

San Jose airons sounded a victory signal at the same moment the two returning Mustang fighter planes appeared over the city and executed victory rolls.—United Press.

Sentence Reduced

Nairobi, Jan. 21.

Two Kenya Supreme Court judges at the Court of Criminal Appeal today dismissed the appeal against his conviction for perjury by the former Kenya police reserve commandant, Derek Searle.

They reduced his sentence from four years' hard labour passed by the Nairobi Resident Magistrate last month to 18 months' hard labour.—China Mail Special.

Chinese New Year Holidays

Owing to the Chinese New Year holidays the China Mail will not be published on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Publication will be resumed on Wednesday and will be earlier than normal. The China Mail will be on sale by 11.30 a.m.

The South China Morning Post will appear as usual on Monday next (Chinese New Year day) but will not resume publication until Thursday morning.

The South China Sunday Post-Herald will publish as usual tomorrow.

Seine Overflows

Parliament Buildings Threatened

Paris, Jan. 21.

The French parliament buildings in Paris were threatened by floods tonight as the River Seine, swollen by weeks of rain, rose over its banks and spilled into the streets of the capital.

The police predicted that large sections of the city bordering the river would be under water on Monday and the inhabitants of the threatened areas were officially warned of the danger.

The worst flooding during the day was downstream from Paris in the industrial suburb of Boulogne, and in the residential areas of Saint Cloud and Neuilly. The Bois de Boulogne was largely under water and the Longchamps racetrack was covered by one foot of water.

PRECAUTIONS

The main danger to the National Assembly buildings lay in the waters being pushed back out of the sewers if the Seine continued to rise. As a precaution, the sewer openings are being bricked up. Cement walls, about 30 inches high, are also being placed in front of the lowest doors.

It would take waters as high as the famous 1910 floods to inundate the Assembly buildings but before then the heating installation and the little electric power station in the basement could be put out of action and this was also worrying the technicians.

Floods in other parts of France have thrown thousands of workers out of work. Half of the workers of Chalcoeur on the Saone are unable to continue their tasks and in the Lyons area about 6,000 workers are idle.—France-Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1

Five Gold
Avlon
Hilawatha
Outsider: Ecstasy, 6.20

RACE 2

Blue Bird
Possibility II
Santa Claus
Outsider: Same Again, 9.60

RACE 3

Beautiful Future
Southern Cross
Misty Law
Outsider: Golden Branch, 8.70

RACE 4

Desert Gold
Rider's Wish
Green Velvet
Outsider: Rowanglen.

RACE 5

Jemima P.
Chatterbox
Resurrection
Outsider: Super-King, N.R.

RACE 6

Full Ahead
The Champ
Violet Ray
Outsider: Ivan-Ho, 14.30

RACE 7

All Gay
Vendetta
Starboard
Outsider: Quicksilver, N.R.

RACE 8

Can Do
Fieldmaster
Barbarian
Outsider: Spinning Wheel, 4.90

RACE 9

Heilzapoppin
John Halfax
Kentucky Lady
Outsider: Tom Thumb.

RACE 10

Fire-glo
Ben Lomond
Gold Crown
Outsider: Four Aces.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Five Gold
Ecstasy
Wise Leader
Outsider: Avlon.

RACE 2

Possibility II
Santa Claus
Blue Bird
Outsider: World Peace, 7.40

RACE 3

Beautiful Future
Night People
Golden Branch
Outsider: Misty Law.

RACE 4

Rowanglen
Fleetmaster
Rider's Wish
Outsider: Desert Gold.

RACE 5

Miracle
Helicon
Jemima P.
Outsider: Long Cue.

RACE 6

Full Ahead
The Champ
Ivan-Ho
Outsider: Violet Ray.

RACE 7

Winsome Stag
Vendetta
Mascat
Outsider: Quicksilver.

RACE 8

Fieldmaster
Spinning Wheel
Every Day
Outsider: Can Do.

RACE 9

Cordon Rouge
Tom Thumb
John Halfax
Outsider: Giddup.

RACE 10

Four Aces
Fire-glo
Ben Lomond
Outsider: Field Marshal.

5 Ships In Trouble

Bermuda, Jan. 21.

Two freighters went aground off Bermuda today while three ships farther at sea which ran into trouble in last week's strong gales broke their towlines and radioed again for help.

The 7,000-ton Greek freighter Syros broke its anchor early this morning and went on the rocks off shore at the same place where the Italian freighter Centauro grounded last week. Continuous high winds prevented any immediate rescue of the Syros crew.

Lloyds Register listed her as owned by Dimitrios C. Georgopoulos, out of Syra, Greece.

At noon today the United States freighter so Boy, 7,000 tons, dragged its anchor off the United States naval base here and grounded on the sandy part of the rock shoal near the base. The ship could not be pulled off until the storm abated.

At sea the Honduran freighter Myrio, 7,176 tons, and the 10,122-ton tanker White River, owned by the Panama Oceanic Lines, parted their towline 300 miles east of Bermuda.

The Myrio's captain requested that his crew be taken off for safety but no local tugs are available for the operation and the U.S. Coast Guard may be called in.—United Press.

1 Dead, 5 Injured In Explosion

Buenos Aires, Jan. 21.

An explosion and fire today wrecked a warehouse owned by Dionisio Hlonis, 39-year-old Greek. One person was killed and five were injured.


Hlonis was arrested yesterday on charges of profiteering and is held in Villavieja City gaol.—United Press.

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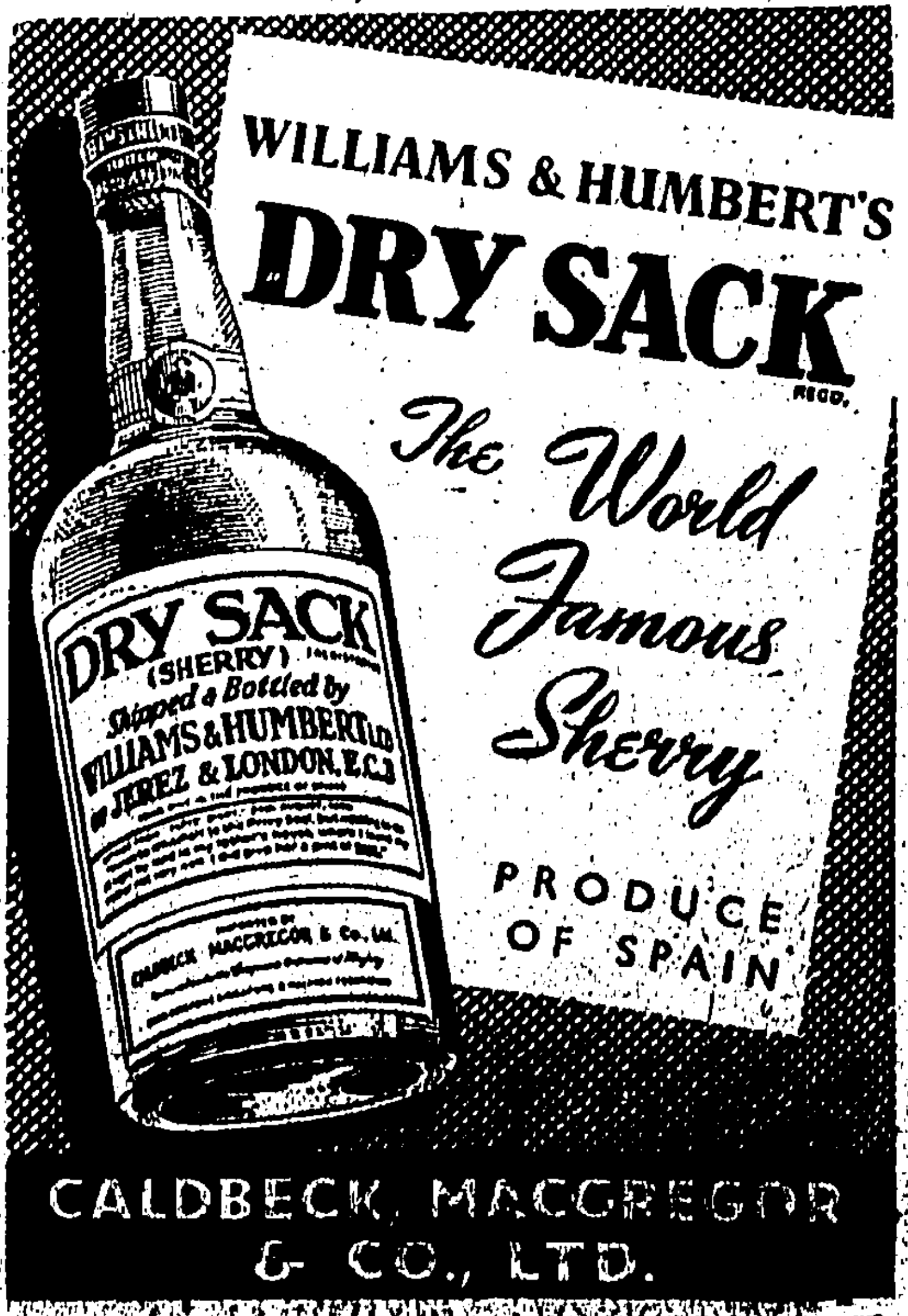


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Interesting News Stories From All Parts of The World

New Chemicals
To Fight
Off Insects

New York. Federal scientists have developed "promising" new mosquito repellents and some "nearly perfect control" fly baits, the Entomological Society of America reports.

Dr. Carroll N. Smith, an Agriculture Department entomologist, reported the discovery of 11 new Mosquito-repelling chemicals — all superior to present-day repellents.

For example, he said, one chemical — 20218 — spread on a man's arm during testing prevented bites from the yellow-fever mosquito for four hours. A standard military repellent, he said, prevents bites for 1 1/2 hours.

Dr. Smith said none of the 11 mosquito repellents are ready to be made available to the public "in the near future." He said, although they appear to be safe — non-toxic — when used on the skin, further testing was necessary.

Mr. J. C. Keller, also of the Agriculture Department's Research Service, said a year of testing with the new fly baits showed some chemicals giving "nearly perfect control." He said the baits, developed originally to control insecticide-resistant flies on the farm, are proving equally as deadly to city-dwelling houseflies and blowflies.

The promising new materials used in the test were Chlorobion and an experimental phosphate. Both were greatly diluted in mixtures of molasses, malt or sugar and water.

Mr. Keller said at a rendering plant, one bait reduced the fly population 99 per cent within four hours. At a city dump, he said, 97 to 99 per cent of the houseflies and blowflies were dead after 24 hours of treatment. — United Press.

FRANCE SEEKS A SITE
FOR HER NEW
St CYR MILITARY ACADEMY

Paris. France's retired generals were fighting a pitched battle among themselves this week, and many an armchair strategist was getting involved in the fight.

The battle is over St Cyr, a name that symbolises all that is the best in the French military tradition. No British officer feels more strongly about Sandhurst or American about West Point than does a Frenchman about the St Cyr Military Academy.

The school itself is nothing but a pile of rubble near the famous Palace of Versailles. The school was bombed out of existence in 1944, and is virtually forgotten by all but the sentimental graduates who come back to look at the old walls, set up by order of Louis XIV and Madame de Maintenon.

St Cyr's military tradition dates back to 1808 when Napoleon installed the French Military Academy in the building Louis XIV had built as a girls' school.

Three Towns Mentioned
France's new generation of army officers is being trained at Coetquidan in Brittany, where the student officers were installed "temporarily" in 1948. So far, the French Government has made no effort either to rebuild the old school or to give it a permanent headquarters elsewhere.

Almost every Frenchman agrees the old school should have a new home in keeping with its fine traditions, but changing times have questioned the wisdom of rebuilding St Cyr at its old site.

But if it is not rebuilt at St Cyr, where should it be built? At least, three towns—Compiègne, Chartres and Fontaine-

bleau — have put forward serious claims.

Coetquidan, almost all agree, is not a desirable location, since it is so far from Paris. They stress that the school's 1,500 pupils, taught by 180 officers and 310 "non-coms" need to have the benefits of location near the capital.

But the school has an increasing amount of modern weapons, and for that reason, many officers feel it would be unwise to rebuild St Cyr at St Cyr.

The location, only a stone's throw from the Palace, is in a thickly settled area. It would be difficult to get enough land nearby for weapons practice.

On the other hand, the ruins of the school have already been classified by the French Government as a national monument and the building must be rebuilt anyway, whether the school moves back or not.

But this factor is complicated by the fact that the monument's authorities would require that the exterior be rebuilt just as it was before, even though for many military reasons it would be advisable to change the structure.

Abandoned Airstrip
Compiègne, a town filled with military memories, has not hidden its desire to welcome St Cyr. A former parade ground would provide the 270 acres the school would need. There is also a wider area nearby for tank and truck manoeuvres.

The famous Cathedral City of Chartres has also put in its bid. Land is available there in the form of an abandoned airstrip. Arguments against Chartres are its relatively great distance from Paris, the need to destroy the former aviation installations and the flatness of the surrounding country.

Fontainebleau, in many ways, seems to offer the best possibilities. It is near Paris (30 miles south-east of the city)—although not as close as the old St Cyr—and it has the land available. It is also rich in military tradition. The main argument against it would probably be made by friends of the famous forest of Fontainebleau, who would probably resent an invasion by the military.

Bigger And Better
Other sites have also been suggested, including Clermont Ferrand, in the very heart of France. And a war of words, for and against, is entertaining figures.

So far, the National Assembly has not yet stepped into the dispute, but the moment is expected to come soon. Whatever the solution found, the St Cyr school, who call their school affectionately "the Old Trunk" (Le Vieux Bûche) are determined that St Cyr will be rebuilt bigger and better than ever before. — United Press.

As Others See
The British

[Today we publish this small item sent by an American news agency in London — the United Press. We have made only essential corrections for this is a reflection of the British in an American mirror. — Ed. China Mail]

London.
Britain's practically unique "Third Programme," the brainchild of its three nationalised radio networks, is dramatising this week six stories from Giovanni Boccaccio's naughty "Decameron," recently banned in an obscure book case in one British town but the decision was reversed on appeal.

Such daring themes are nothing new for the "Third" which, because its audience is presumed to be "intellectual," is permitted to use words censored on the other two middle-class networks.

How smart do you have to be to listen to the "Third"? Among forthcoming programmes are these: "The Flute and Drum in Indian Music," "Café de la Martyrdom of St. Polycarp," — United Press.

HEMINGWAY TO RETIRE
NEAR VENICE?

He's Bought Some Land And People Are Talking...

Rome. Nobel Prize winning American author, Ernest Hemingway, has bought a plot of land for a house on an exclusive but almost deserted Adriatic peninsula just a stone's throw from beautiful Venice, and the eyebrows of Italian architects are likely to rise because of it.

Hemingway's house will probably be designed by Marcello d'Olive, the young modernist Italian architect called "Italy's Frank Lloyd Wright."

It was only several months ago that Hemingway, sitting in Florence with American art scholar, Bernard "B.B." Berenson, wrote down Wright's architectural proposals for an ultra-modern palace along the edge of Venice's Grand Canal.

At that time, Hemingway entered the controversy over Wright's architectural ideas by suggesting the question could be settled by letting the American architect have the pleasure of building the modern palace so that the Venetians could enjoy tearing it promptly down.

Barbaric Architecture
His host Berenson has steadfastly opposed any entry of non-renaissance architecture into the famed island city. Berenson usually calls contemporary architecture "barbaric."

It has long been rumoured that Hemingway was looking for a place to retire near Venice, although his heart is warm for other tropical places such as Florida Keys and Cuba, Africa and Spain.

The novel which brought his name to fame was "A Farewell to Arms," set in the Italian Alps not far from Venice. One of his most recent novels, "Across the River and Into the Trees," said by many critics to be autobiographical, finds the main character living in final retirement at Venice himself.

The author's plans for his land on beautiful Lignano Peninsula remain unknown. He and his wife are now in Cuba. His purchase was disclosed by Venetian Count Alberto Kochler, head of a group of 50 investors developing Lignano.

Hemingway Bought First

However, Count Kochler has provided some idea about the general lay-out for the new development. He points out that Hemingway bought the first house plot made available by the developing group. Lignano Peninsula was "discovered" in 1912 by a Swiss

of 50 Venetian citizens who decided it was one of the most beautiful long beaches in northern Italy. White sand dunes covered with pink blossom trees run for miles between the blue Adriatic and the heavy pine forest of the deserted and unspoiled Fenisula.

The investment group bought the land and commissioned d'Olive to work out the architectural plans because d'Olive, the apostle of Frank Lloyd Wright, believes a building should fit into the countryside and not spoil the landscape.

Road Through Pines

d'Olive built himself a little shack on the dunes and studied the terrain, working out a way to build roads and houses without destroying the dunes or the pine forest. The first road has been completed, winding up through the pines, its route entirely invisible from the outside. Along the roadway, d'Olive is constructing a two-

mile-long chain of buildings linked by undergrounds.

On the ground floor of the buildings will be shops, and the shopkeepers will have apartments above.

Beyond this unobtrusive commercial centre will be private homes. d'Olive is now working on the house plans—each one different, according to the needs of the owners but harmonising together so as not to spoil the romantic aspects of the "deserted" beach. Each house plan must be approved by a committee of the developing group.

In Italian architectural circles, d'Olive has attracted much enthusiasm for his ideas. Only 32, he lives in a car in northern Italy, roaming around the countryside from one architectural project to the next. Fifteen years ago, he was an unschooled, poverty-stricken boy who liked to draw. With some encouragement from a friendly construction engineer, he completed high school in one year, and after four years' university study, earned his architectural licence. — United Press.

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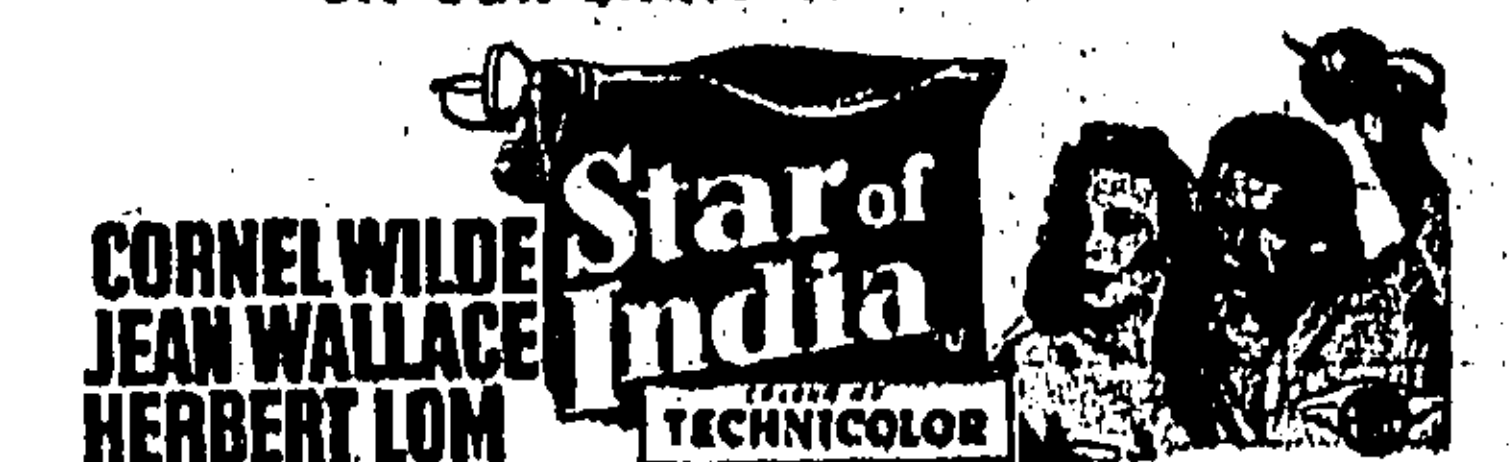


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HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



MR Herbert Morrison, 67, deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, and his bride, Miss Edith Meadowcroft, 45, toasting each other at their wedding reception in Rochdale Town Hall, watched by their guests. (Express)

FIELD MARSHAL Viscount Montgomery sits up in bed and smiles after an operation at the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London. He had a mole removed from the back of his head. (Express)

MADAME Sao Boonwaat, wife of the Counsellor at the Burmese Embassy in London, has been taking lessons in dress designing. Most Burmese women in London wear the dress of their country. "But in your weather we all need coats," she told a reporter. "And we can use Western-style blouses." (Express)



RIGHT: Nineteen-year-old Sonia Loh, daughter of the former Chinese Nationalist Consul-General in London, samples some food at a party celebrating the opening of a Chinese coffee bar in Kensington. The bar is run by two former Nationalist diplomats. (Express)



LEFT: French actress Brigitte Bardot, 20, and British film star Dirk Bogarde, who are to star together in the comedy, "Doctor At Sea." Known as the "Gorgeous Pekingese" in France, Brigitte has the part turned down by Kay Kendall. (Central)

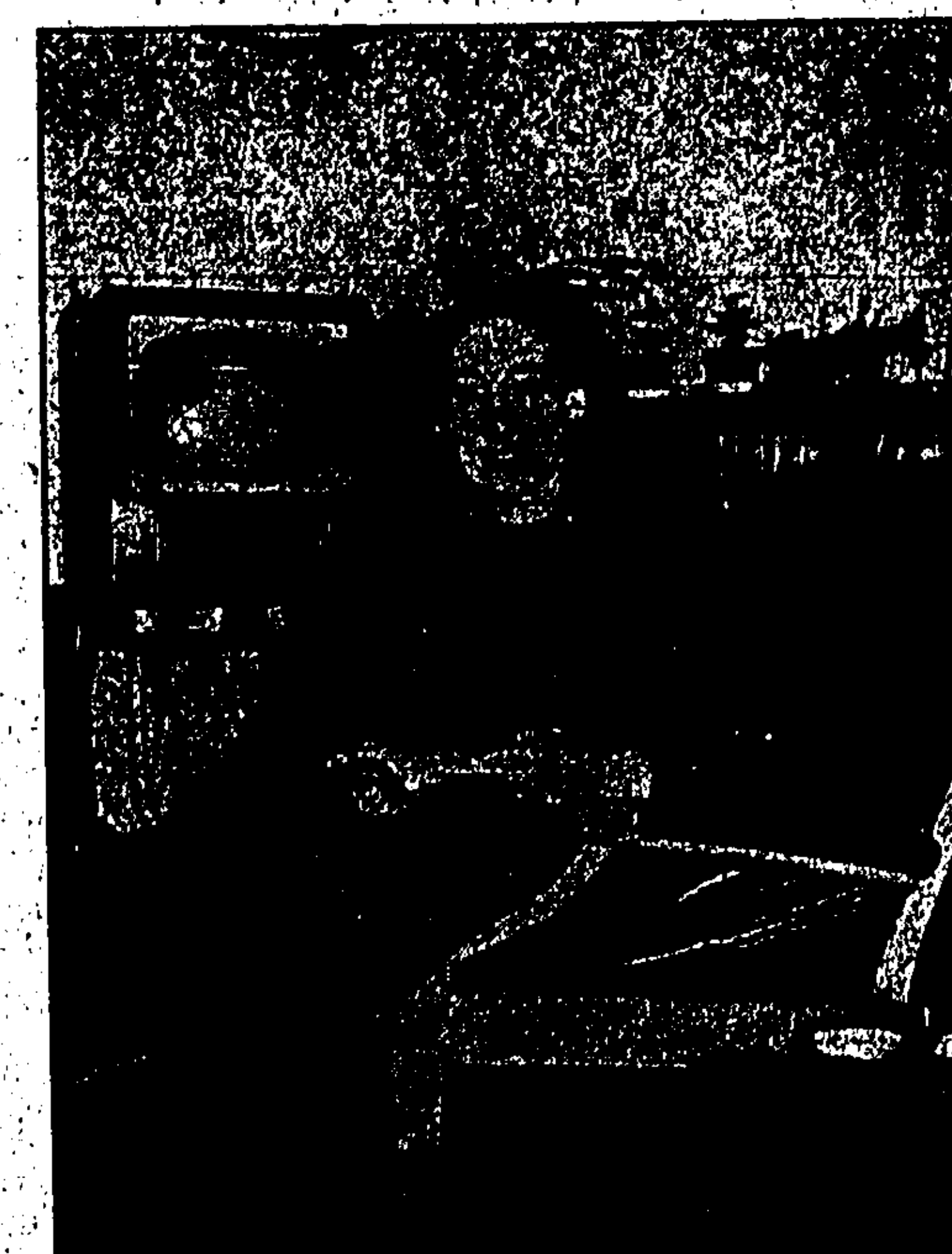
THE 4th Battalion, RAOC, retained the Aldershot District Unit Team Boxing Championship by defeating the 9th Training Regiment, RE, by 17 points to 15. Major-Gen. A. D. Campbell, GOC Aldershot, presenting the championship trophy to CSM Shackleton, coach of the RAOC team. (Army News)



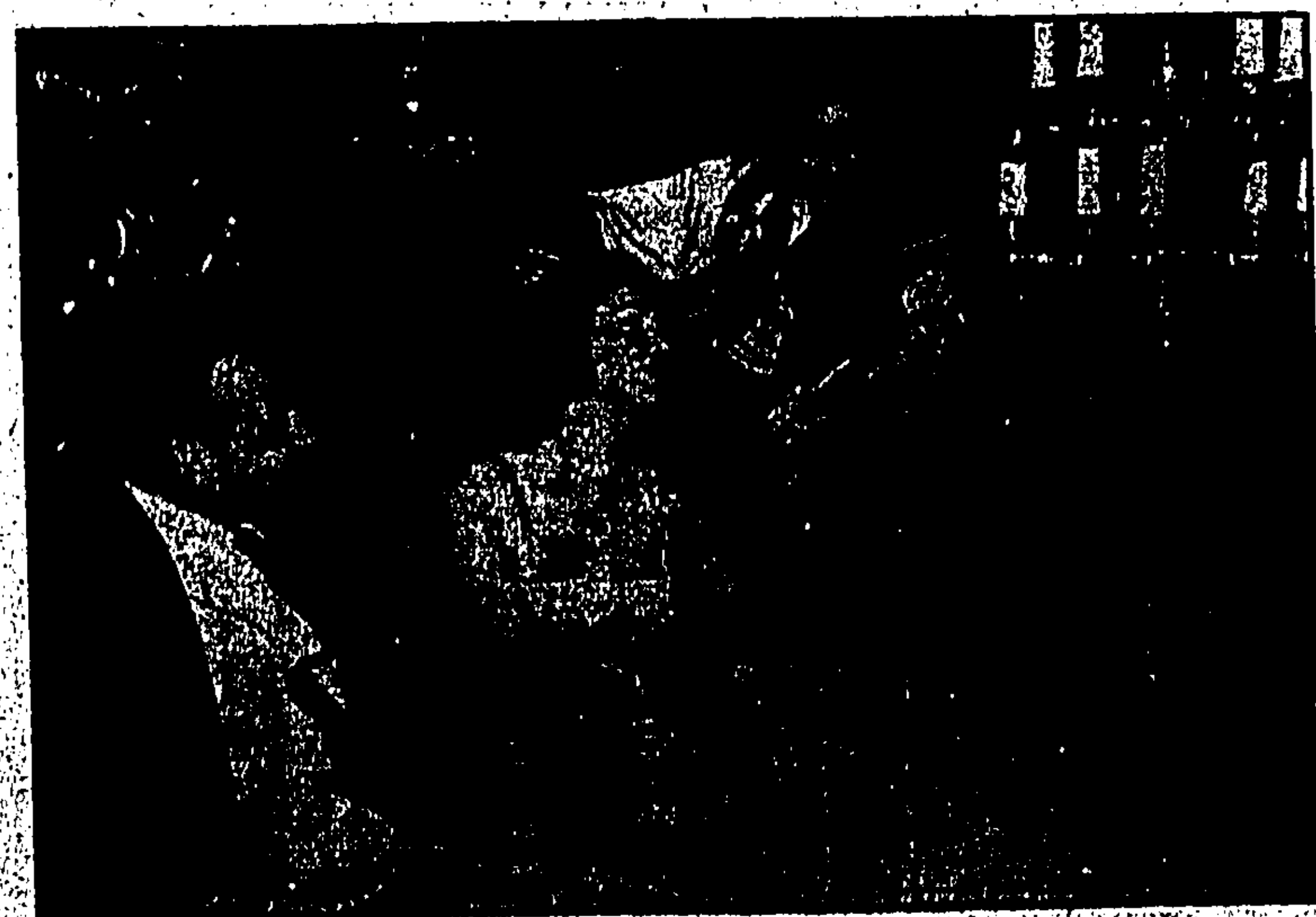
THE poor London girl whom a newspaper sent to the Limehouse police hall in a new frock and riding a Cinderella coach, after she found £15 in the street, is back in school after a fairy-tale Christmas holiday. She is seen here with a school pal (left) and her form mistress. (Express)



PRIVATES George Batchett (left) and John Rees, given each a shilling at Woolwich Barracks and told "Get as far as you can on that," managed to get to Paris and back, each with eightpence still unspent. They refused to tell how they had managed the trip. War Office officials were puzzled.



JOAN WOODWARD, social science student at Liverpool University, went to work at dockside canteens to listen to what dockers grouched about. She was one of a team who have now produced the first comprehensive report on an important industrial problem. (Express)



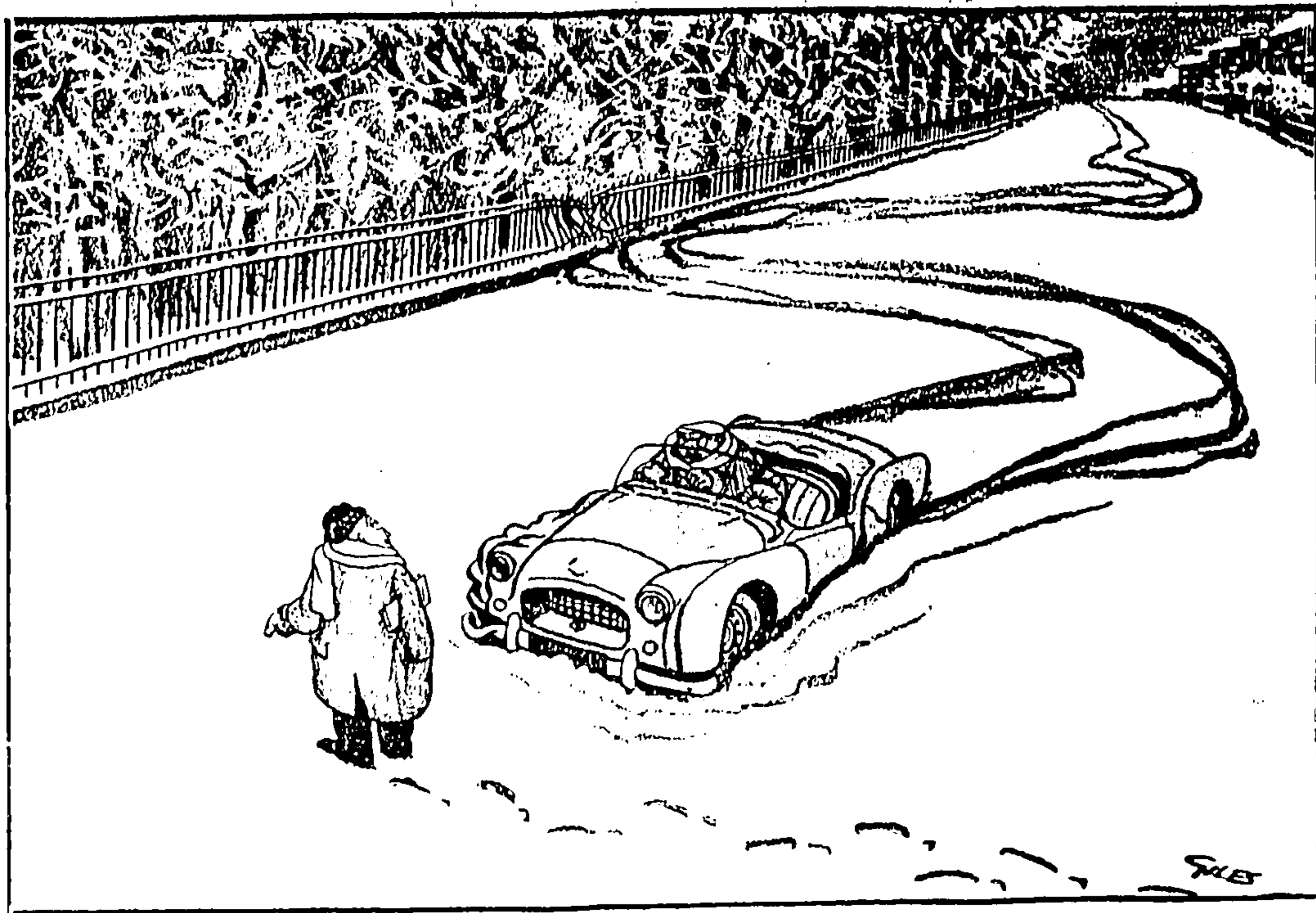
AVA GARDNER being serenaded by a gipsy violinist at the Casanova Club in London at a party given by a film executive. She hummed the melodies, snapped her fingers like castanets, and once tried a few steps of a Spanish dance. (Express)

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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The Little Man Who Made The World Laugh

C. D. T. BAKER-CARR

tells another of the World's Strangest Stories

THE world sat back on its heels and laughed until tears started in thousands of eyes. An inconsiderable little man had thumbed his nose at the very foundations of an empire and got away with it. The only people who choked back impotent rage and growled, "We are not amused," were the men of Germany's crack Prussian Guard.

The laugh that shook the world had its beginnings in the Berlin of 1906. Wilhelm Voigt, by trade a shoemaker, stepped out of prison a free man once more, having spent 15 of his 57 years behind bars for a string of minor offences.

All his life Voigt had resented authority—as epitomised by the German passion for uniform. He had plenty of time to think over this very Teutonic phenomenon during his years in custody, and for almost 30 years an impudent plan was maturing in his mind.

Early October, 1906, found the bent little shoemaker at the counter of a second-hand shop in a Berlin back-street. He wanted a cheap uniform of the Prussian Guard, the crack First Foot Guards, the crack First Foot Guards. No spiked helmet was available, but a peaked cap would suffice; the trousers were a little baggy at the knees, but the jacket carried the insignia of a captain.

Carrying this bundle of deception under his arm Wilhelm Voigt tramped back to his married sister's house in Rixdorf, a suburb of Berlin.

And so it was that on the morning of October 16 Wilhelm Voigt, in the uniform of a Captain of the Guard, waited in the roadway not far from a barracks. A detachment of guardsmen swung into view as they marched back from the rifle range at Tegel. The old man straightened his drooping shoulders, hitched up his long sword and barked an order. The detachment halted and awaited his next command. The corporal in charge stepped forward and was brusquely told: "To the railway station."

Off they marched—the "captain," the corporal, and seven

guardsmen, acting under "direct orders from the Emperor." At the Berlin Circuit Railway Station the bogus captain collected four more men, this time from the Fourth Foot Guards regiment. A train was just leaving. Captain Voigt barked another order, and the train stopped—the magic was really working. The commandeer a first-class carriage for himself and placed the men further down the train.

Six miles up the line at the small town of Koepenick the party formed up on the platform and fixed bayonets under the baleful stare of the little imposter.

Then Voigt marched his troops to the Town Hall and there posted a sentry at each entrance—with orders to shoot if necessary. The "captain" and his escort marched into the Mayor's office, where Dr. Langerhans was sitting at his desk.

At the sight of a Prussian Guard captain, three soldiers and fixed bayonets the Burgomaster was frightened out of his wits and promptly forgot all his barrister's legal training.

"You are my prisoner by the Kaiser's orders and you will be immediately taken to Berlin," barked the "captain" with a flourish of his drawn sword.

"I beg," began the stammering Dr. Langerhans.

"You have nothing to beg," replied Voigt. "I have already told you that you are my prisoner."

Dr. Langerhans was escorted to a carriage, and with an armed guard on the box driven to the New Prison, Berlin.

Wilhelm Voigt's next call was on the Town Treasurer, who proved to be less frightened than the Mayor. Hurriedly at the shoemaker's bidding he produced his cash books. The "captain" was disappointed—there was only a matter of 4,000 marks (just over £200) in the safe. He ordered the money to be placed in a bag and officially sealed, while he reviewed the signature in the receipt book. Then it was Treasurer's turn to be bundled into a coach and sent off to join his superior in Berlin.

Voigt had taken the precaution of immobilising the post office telephone lines at Koepenick. Leaving his troops in charge of the town Voigt swung round back to the station and boarded a train for Berlin. There he changed back into civilian clothes, leaving his



THE "CAPTAIN OF KOEPENICK"
A contemporary caricature

And there Wilhelm Voigt, with a carefree bow to the judge, unfolded his life story. In a baggy black frock-coat, white stand-up collar and coloured cravat, the "Captain" of Koepenick looked but a shadow of his former conquering self.

As a boy of 14 he first went to prison for theft. At 18 he served 12 years' hard labour for forging postal orders. For the following ten years he lived an honest cobbler's life then he was caught trying to rob a safe at the Law Courts in Gnesen. This time it was 15 years' imprisonment.

Released in February 1906 he tried to get a passport so he could start afresh in another country. His police record was against him and he was met with a shake of the head by every official. Then he decided to try the military operation he had planned some 30 years before.

The laugh of the day came when Voigt assured the court that he was a very honest thief, because he only appropriated official funds. What was true of the Law Courts ridd at Gnesen was also true of Koepenick! But the "Captain" of Koepenick was found guilty of "serious interference with the authority of the State and grave forgery of official documents." He was sent to prison for four years.

Just 20 months later the Kaiser personally ordered Voigt's release, but not until King Edward VII had communicated with him and the secretary-general of the Church Army had twice petitioned from England for the shoemaker to be freed.

A committee was formed to ensure for the old man a happy and profitable retirement. Over 130 women from all over the world, including two young girls in America and one English widow, offered to marry him. About £2,000 was subscribed to a fund for him.

But the "Captain of Koepenick" put on his uniform again, this time to take to the music-hall stages of Germany's leading towns. The police hounded him from Berlin and Vienna, and on the orders of the German Foreign Office they prevented him from appearing on the stage at Budapest.

Two years later the little man went to London where he did a brisk trade in coloured signed postcards of himself as the "Conqueror of Koepenick." Then in June 1912 came a report that he had died in a London hospital. All the German papers carried long and glowing obituary notices but Wilhelm Voigt was still very much alive at Louscha in the Thuringian Forest and duly appreciative of all the fake things they had said about him.

But in January 1922 newspapers carried more obituary notices under headlines like "Koepenick Hero Dead." This time it was true.

THE OLD SONG HIGHLIGHTS A NEW PROBLEM: AS DONALD LUDLOW INVESTIGATES THE SUNSHINE ISLES

YES, WE HAVE NO BANANAS TODAY

Kingston, Jamaica. I HAVE been trying to buy a banana in Jamaica. Crazy? It's true. By banana I mean the kind you get—big, yellow, luscious.

The only ones you can buy here are export rejects, small, hard, and green. They've got to be cooked before you can eat them.

Like so much of Jamaica's produce, the best goes for export, the worst stays at home and is dear at that.

Said a Jamaican wryly: "You'll never see anybody ship on a banana skin in Kingston."

In an odd way, that lack of banana skins sums up part of the vast Jamaican problem.

And what a problem it is!

Adventure

THE obverse of the banana is the codfish. The hard-up Jamaican eats plenty of salt cod, comes from Canada, though the seas around Jamaica teem with fish. The tiny Jamaican fishing fleet can't go out far enough to make big hauls.

So I have come, on my Jamaican travels, to one statement of the island's problem, which is this:

The problem facing Jamaica is not migration but MARKETS. I have been told with emphasis, for example, that migration is not really a flight from poverty at all, but really an expression of the adventurous Jamaican spirit.

And Jamaicans are adventurous. They helped to build the Panama Canal, start a fruit industry in the United States, even helped set up the Cuban sugar industry, their biggest rival.

I have been told too that migration is not a symptom of depression but of undoubted development that has gone on here in the past few years. Otherwise, how could Jamaica find money to spend more than £1,000,000 a year to leave the island?

Mortgaging of homes and land, sale of cows and pigs: these facts were brushed aside.

Good Jobs

ONE after another business men complained: "The people who are going are some of our best men. They're walking out on good jobs."

And again: "All this talk of migration is deceptive. There are big estates up-country that can't get workers. A Jamaican—particularly a man with a plot of land—has his own ideas about work. If he can make enough to live with three or four days' work, then that's all he'll do."

AND FINALLY: "The real lure is Britain's higher standard of living. We can never have such a standard here, not unless we can get markets."

There's no limit to Jamaica's prospects, one-third of the island is still unexploited—but where can we get what this land would produce? Then inevitably GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and MARKETS come in.

Preference

HAPPY with the Commonwealth sugar agreement, which at last gives the Jamaican crop a guaranteed price, business men want similar agreements for bananas, for canned citrus fruits, tobacco, coffee, cocoa. Get rid of GATT and give us Imperial Preference is the demand. Why buy from foreigners and leave us in the cold?

It is a fair question. And then comes another cry to Britain—for British CAPITAL. Jamaica gives tax concessions to attract new industries, and that is how she has built up her tourist trade. But on the money earned by British companies, etc., British

still takes his cut and Jamaica's efforts are nullified. So the money stays away.

But I cannot go along with the business men and officials on their view of the migration or their optimistic belief that it has reached its peak because money for travel is bound to run out soon.

His costs

TALK to a taxi driver, a clerk, a sugar worker, a man at a bench or in a factory. Talk to a labourer who gets from six to seven shillings a day. Talk about LIVING COSTS.

A loaf of bread costs 1s.; a quart of unsterilised milk 1s.; 1lb. of that Canadian salt codfish 1s. 6d.; meat 2s. 6d.; 1lb. of yams or potatoes 1s.; rent for a 12ft.-square room in Kingston where a whole family will live, 30s. a month.

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These I submit, and not a spirit of adventure, are the real reasons why ships are being filled and why the present general election is being held in the most sombre and serious mood ever.

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HIDDEN MYSTERIES OF THE UNDERSEA JUNGLE

NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON A SHARK!

By Jean Foucher Creteau

SHARKS! What terror! What evil! The word conjures in the minds of millions of people all over the world!

Where they are infrequent visitors, a single warning cry of "Shark!" and the appearance of a menacing black fin cleaving the water would be guaranteed to clear any crowded beach in seconds.

And in places where sharks are ever-present dangers, familiarity does not breed contempt, only even greater respect and dread.

But what is the truth about the sharks? To discover it I have roamed the oceans, plunging into the depths to meet them in their natural element, watching them, swimming with them, tempting, goading and fighting them.

It was under water, off Cape Verde, on the West African coast, that an enormous grey body burst within range of me with explosive power. I could not recall encountering such violent concentrated energy ever before.

HARPOONED!

A sand shark - my first shark - was facing me!

It seemed to have appeared from nowhere, swimming strongly and majestically a few yards away, going round in circles with lazy grace, and all the time keeping its eyes on me.

My heart pounded. I did not dare move a muscle. But even so, I could not help being struck by the suppleness, the beauty of the creature's movements.



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"For a moment I was off guard... I felt an agonising, overwhelming pain in my left thigh as though I had been gripped in an enormous vice... In a flash, without even seeing my attacker, I knew the truth. 'A shark's got me!'"

In pulsating prose Jean Foucher Creteau describes his fight with one of these monsters in the Red Sea. It is one of many thrilling incidents in his absorbing story of underwater adventures. This is the second instalment.

Creteau is a businessman, but spends much time taking pictures under the sea. He won a first prize at the 1953 Cannes Film Festival for an underwater colour film.

I could see its fine gill openings, as I remained fascinated in a vault of silence of which I was the uncomfortable centre.

For a moment the shark stopped and faced me, eyeing me steadily. I think my heart stopped too. "This is it," I thought.

But no. The long, sinuous body made a half-turn and dived away!

To say I was relieved is to put it mildly. Yet all danger had not passed for, before I could make my escape, back again came the shark. Then, when it was almost upon me and I was about to draw back - which might well have been fatal - it veered downwards.

Reaching the sea-bed, it stopped gently settling on a tongue of white sand near some large rocks in 40 feet of crystal clear water.

STRANGE WORLD

It was the first time since I began undersea exploring that I had caused such pain. I did not like it - nor shall I, ever.

Two hundred pounds of flesh and muscle were writhing in agony down there because of what I had done. A proud, magnificent creature of the sea was grovelling in a mess of blood and sand. No, I didn't enjoy it one little bit.

Soon, the violence with which the long tail thrashed sand, rock and water and the extraordinary energy with which the beast struggled combined to break the tough harpoon.

Instantly the shark plunged off into the depths. And beneath me now was only a patch of dishevelled sand... and blood slowly mingling with the water.

This underwater expedition which I made with three friends off Cape Verde, close to where Professor Piccard achieved one of his record-breaking ocean descents in the bathyscaphe, was unlike anything else I have experienced.

About 14 miles out to sea from the nearest

island there is a giant submarine mountain. First, my three friends and I dived on to the summit, which is only 18 feet beneath the surface and is in the form of a plateau, or table, measuring about 200 yards across.

There we found bare, volcanic rock with little vegetation. But we discovered, too, great shoals of fish of quite extraordinarily brilliant colourings. It was as though nature was trying to compensate for the barrenness with an exotic display of animal life.

And while we were beneath the waves we seemed to feel some part of that strange world. Most of the fish were not frightened of us, only curious. Scores of them followed us closely wherever we went. Only when we surfaced and became part of our own world again did some of them show any signs of fear.

Working our way out to the edge of the mountain table-top we found ourselves suspended suddenly, as though in space, in a vast sphere of incredibly rich dark blue.

ALL JUNGLES

We had swum over the edge of a precipice and were floating now in 3,000 feet of water. The sensation was exhilarating, similar to that of a glider pilot soaring high on a pitch dark night out of sight of the earth.

Another time, below Cape Verde, we discovered a shark-infested submarine jungle.

Oh yes! There are jungles beneath the sea, just as there are on earth and I would say that the law of the submarine jungle the struggle there for existence is more violent than it is on shore.

In this Cape Verde jungle of ours we seldom entered the water during 23 days of exploration without encountering sharks.

The constant presence was as alarming to us at first as finding tigers and other wild beasts must be to hunters on land, but we soon got used to them.

There it was, in fact, that we discovered just how cowardly one species of shark we encountered; how they will not attack unless your back is turned or you show signs of fear; how they can be subdued by will power—just as a lion tamer controls his beasts.

I must make it quite clear, however, that one cannot be categorical about the conduct of sharks. The same species may behave in quite different ways in different seas.

NIGHTMARE

Sand sharks off Cape Verde, for instance, were never aggressive towards me. But off the Canary Islands, I had to thrust away with my arms one which came so close that its snout was against the lens of my camera.

At the same time I shouted as loudly as I could inside my breathing tube, frightening the brute away.

While the sharks circled round us off Cape Verde we would take it in turns to go up for air, the others remaining on guard, like ringmasters in a fantastic nightmare of a circus.

Often we hunted individual sharks weighing 300 pounds or more and always our great difficulty was to get within range—preferably a few feet



Weighing more than 100 kilogrammes, this shark—one of the Carcharinus species—flaps about grotesquely in its death throes, after being "harpooned" by the diver.

for a camera a yard or less for a harpoon gun.

Always we had the impression of being in the presence of intelligent creatures, whose actions were governed by their judgment of their adversary's strength.

The large shark is, the more sure it is of itself and the less cautious it displays. But one thing is quite clear. It is never really courageous. It attacks only when it feels itself to be easily the stronger or to have some undoubted advantage. It is sensitive to the slightest noise or shock.

My own view is that the undersea hunter, swimming in the shark's own environment, strikes the creature as being odd and unexpected. It is inquisitive and curious but prefers to spend a long time observing this puny thing which might prove to be a source of danger.

And, as I have said, it will wait patiently for the chance to make a treacherous, deadly, surprise attack.

INCIDENTS

Before I leave the Cape Verde region and take you to the Red Sea to describe how I had to wrestle with a shark which attacked and wounded me there, I must tell you of two amusing incidents which occurred during our stay in West Africa.

The first happened at a small hotel on the coast where we had put up for the night. In the morning, a coloured maid came to our room with a tray of coffee.

We wished her a polite "Good morning," but halfway across the floor she stopped in her tracks, stared at me with eyes wide in amazement, dropped the tray with a mighty crash, and ran off screaming.

For a moment we sat up in bed, blankly astonished. But then we saw what had happened and burst into bellows of uncontrollable laughter.

The previous night we had thrown our net into the sea and, lying neatly at the foot of my bed—just where my feet might have been protruding from the sheets—were a pair of huge, glossy rubber flippers.

The other incident was almost as funny, but might have proved more disastrous than the breakage of a few cups and saucers.

To pay out some native children who had been playing us tricks, such as blocking our breathing tubes with seaweed, we decided to teach them a lesson.

One of my companions tied a short coil line to his own back and, just submerged, came swimming in from the sea to the spot where the youngsters were romping merrily in the

"Chinese politics are chiefly differences between personalities...."

The General Sees Real Hope For A United China

By MILTON SHULMAN

MORRIS ABRAHAM COHEN sees nothing incongruous about being a Jewish general in the Chinese army. He shrugs off your incredulity with a benign smile.

Having spent most of his 66 years in the service of China, he cannot understand why anybody should be upbly surprised.

The fact that he was born in Stepney, the eldest son of an immigrant Jewish couple from Poland, is an interesting but irrelevant accident.

For General Cohen admits that China is where his roots are. The present division of the country between Communists and Nationalists distresses him deeply. "I am definitely refraining from taking part in this civil commotion," he told me. "I have too many friends on both sides."

The reference to China's Civil War as a "commotion" shows how Chinese the general's historical perspective has become. He has seen too many revolutions to be over-awed by any one of them.

But, superficially, there is little else oriental about the general. The clothes are decidedly North American; the accent, broad Canadian. West, he is still not lost a stubborn Cockney inflection; his face, topped by a flattened, pug-nosed nose, undeniably shows its years and might be anything East European—Russian, Polish, Jewish, perhaps only a certain unexpected courtliness in manner reveals the influence of the Far East.

Yet few occidentals have been so intimately associated with the contemporary history of China. He has known and worked closely with such leading personalities as Sun Yat-sen, Chiang Kai-shek, Mao Tse-tung, T. V. Soong.

He knows their idiosyncracies and weaknesses but will only discuss them off-the-record. "I want to maintain my neutrality," he explained, "because some day I may be in a position to bring about a better understanding between the two sides."

He left the Chinese mainland about four months before the Communists took over the country. Since then he has been back to Hongkong a number of times and has managed to make some contact with friends in Red China.

"I met Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last year in Formosa and gave him my views on the situation," he said. "He was very cordial and polite—much more so than he has been on other occasions."

His periodic visits to London are now chiefly concerned with seeing friends and relatives. But before the war he often went to purchase naval ships, textile machinery and arms for China.

The general has considerable respect for the fighting qualities of Chinese officers. "In guerrilla tactics they can teach most occidental officers a great deal," he said.

Since both sides claim to be the heir to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's aims for China, the general feels there is real hope for a united China once more. "Chinese politics are chiefly differences between personalities," he said.

"Would the general do it all over again if he were given the opportunity? The general has no doubts. 'But next time I'd try to win up with a little more money,' he said. 'It's a damn good thing to have in other life.'"

Arriving there at the age of 10, his education was in little but an ability to recite

Bodyguard

He became a close friend of the merchant and soon found himself involved with a group who were actively supporting the Chinese revolution designed to overthrow the Manchu dynasty.

When Dr. Sun Yat-sen went to Canada to raise funds for the revolution, Cohen was asked to become Sun Yat-sen's bodyguard during his tour of Canada and America.

After the 1914-18 war, Cohen, at the age of 33, was asked by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, China's first president, to act as an ADC and security officer. In this capacity he not only saved Sun's life but carried out diplomatic negotiations and took part in purchasing missions for the new republic.

General Cohen's military career began as a sergeant in the Irish Guards of Saskatoon.



THE GENERAL

When he became Dr. Sun's ADC he was given the rank of colonel, and on Dr. Sun's death he was promoted to general.

His first battle as a general—described in his biography "Two-Gun Cohen" by Charles Drage—shows that Cohen's tactics could hardly be called orthodox.

It was during a war between some southwestern provinces when the general was asked to lead a battalion across the Pearl River. After inspecting his troops, the general took a large red banner, sloped it over his shoulder and charged into battle at the head of his men. This formidable sight must have dismayed the opposition for, when they reached the opposite bank, the enemy had fled.

Real hope

After Dr. Sun's death, General Cohen—he was known as Maikun, which was as close as most Chinese could get phonetically to Morris Cohen—served under a variety of Chinese governors and officials. He was captured by the Japanese when Hongkong fell and was subsequently repatriated to Canada.

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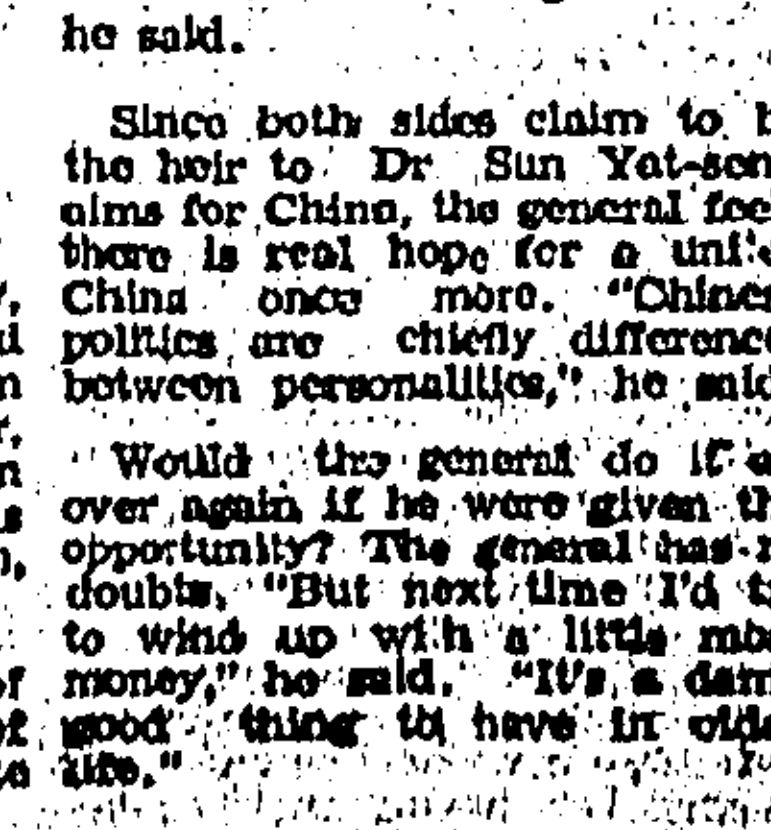
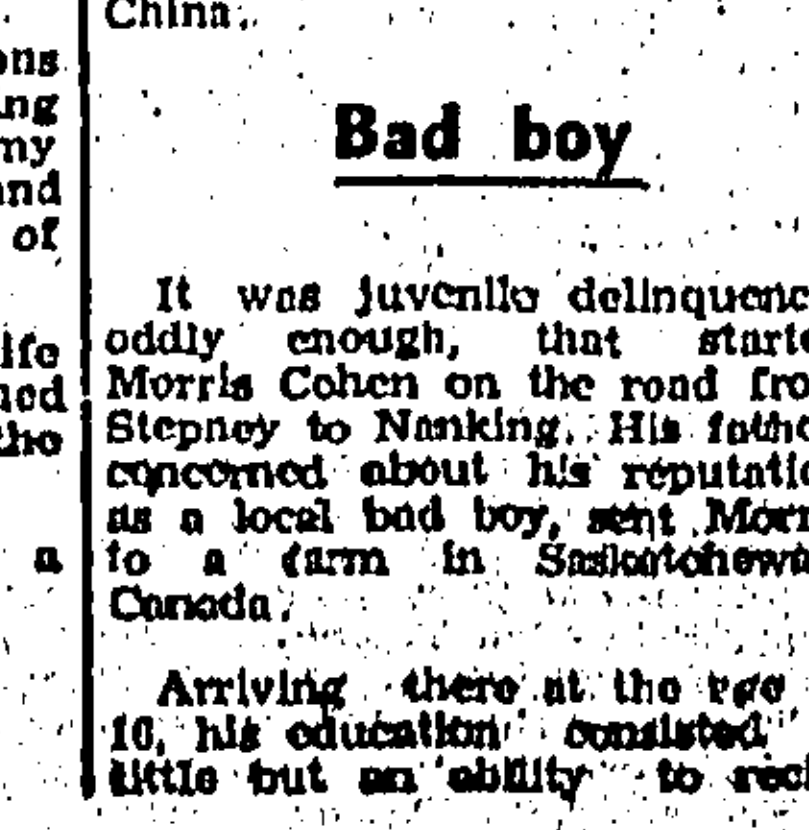
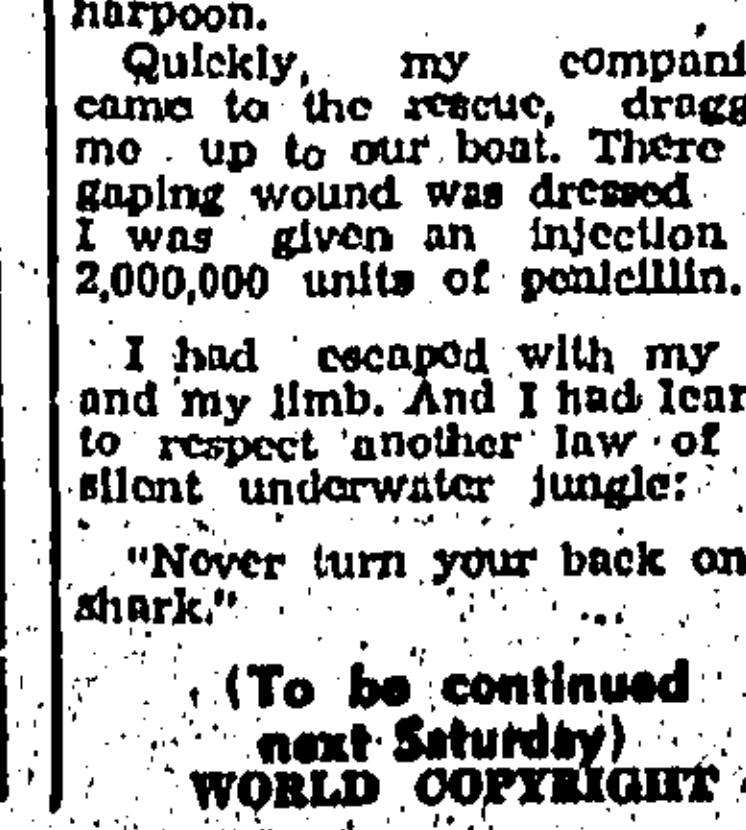
Bad boy

It was juvenile delinquency, oddly enough, that started Morris Cohen on the road from Stepney to Nanking. His father, concerned about his reputation as a local bad boy, sent Morris to a farm in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Arriving there at the age of 10, his education was in little but an ability to recite

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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PLANE SHADOWED PIGEON TO BLACKMAILER'S LAIR

By A. J. FORREST

ONE reason why Interpol's interceptions must be as swift as lightning is because of international criminals' constant recourse to air travel these days. Crime flies—literally.

Gangsters can, as Interpol's files record, fly from Paris to Amsterdam in the morning, snatch a diamond or two there in the afternoon, and be back in Paris to dine out on the proceeds the same evening.

So the police, too, must be able to act with lightning speed. Now a new radio transmitting station, exclusively for Interpol's use, is being built on the outskirts of Paris.

The worst trouble for Swiss police is with travellers' cheque forgeries. The criminals, skilled international pickpockets, jostle tourists, especially at railway stations and big sports gatherings, and remove their wallets and often their purses, also. Many tourists, most conveniently from the crowd's viewpoint, keep both in the same pocket.

Bogus 'Phone Call

The usual technique is to remove the traveller's signature at the cheque's base, insert a false one, and then support this with a fake passport. One ingenious rascal passed off seventy-four stolen travellers' cheques recently at different Swiss banks before he was caught.

But those who are not caught can quite easily board a plane to a far country.

At one Indian airport aerial traffic in smuggled gold has assumed such proportions that police and customs authorities have installed an apparatus known as the "gold eye". Switched on as passengers pass into the examination sheds, it rings a bell whenever gold is registered.

Beautifully dressed in gorgeous saris, three high-caste Hindu women, having declared themselves as carrying no gold, recently caused the detector's bell to ring insistently. They were asked to undress and their clothes were searched thoroughly, but not a grain of gold could be traced. Yet the "eye" could not be fooled.

So the authorities switched an X-ray on to the women and their secret was immediately laid bare. Each had the radio-logist saw, a considerable quantity of gold nuggets.

A Vietnamese girl, Hilde K., friend of her boy friend, Eugene, a notorious crook of Polish extraction, tried to hide from him. But, unhappily for her, the underworld's tom-tom system, especially in Vienna, leaves little scope for effective disappearances.

Her hiding place was soon discovered, so was her new boy friend. His personality was studied. Then, late one evening, she received a telephone call, allegedly from her current escort, telling her that her life was in danger as Eugene had discovered their flat and she must fly away at once with him to safety.

"Pack up a single suitcase and meet me in one hour from now at the crossroads, Schleissen-Spaui," said the voice.

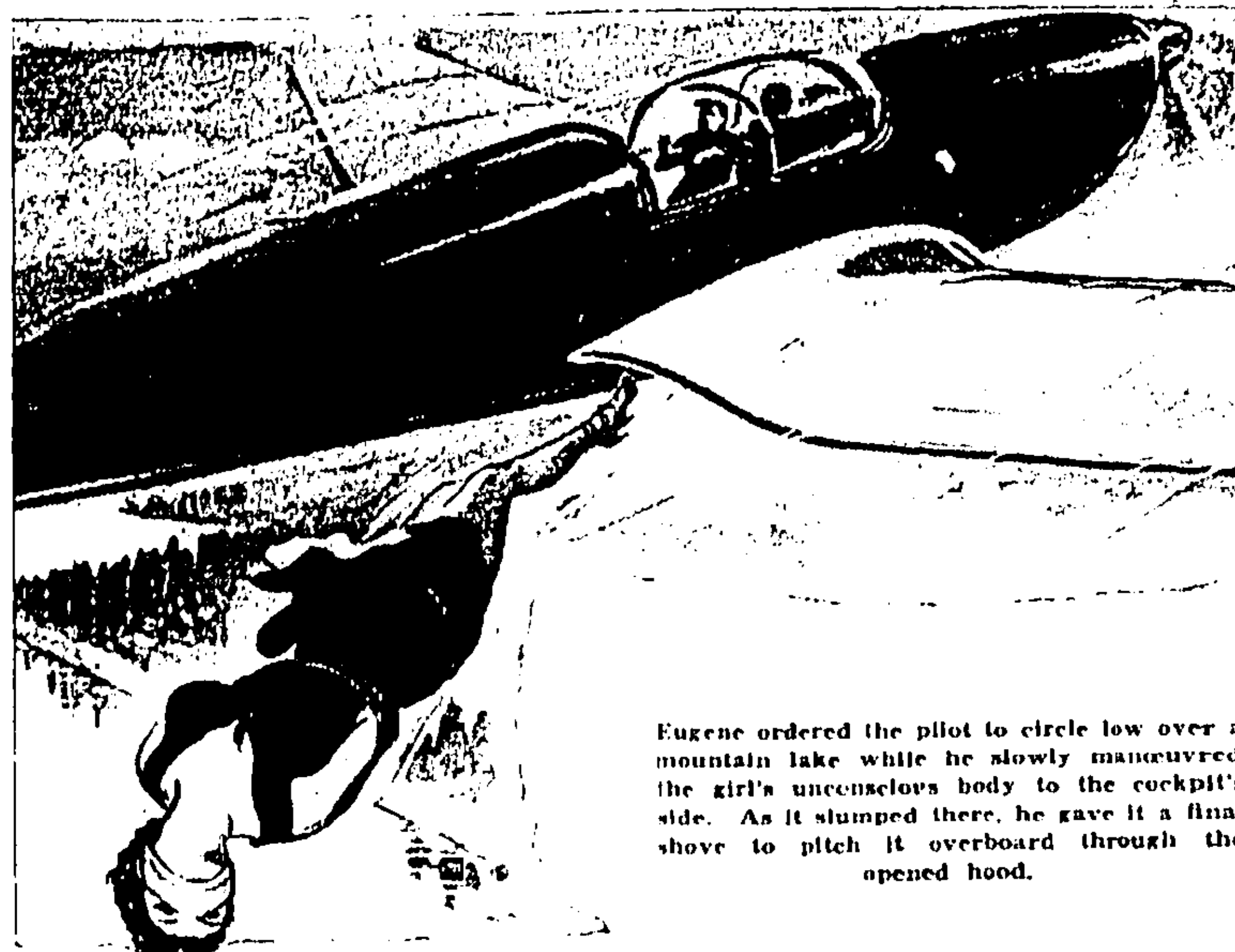
"I Can't Bear You!"

She obeyed implicitly. But when she kept her rendezvous two masked men stepped from the shadows and closed in on her. Before she could even scream, a hand was clamped over her mouth, a hypodermic needle jabbed into her arm, and she was bundled, insensible, into a waiting car and taken at speed to a private airfield.

When she came to she was flying in a small aircraft, with her ex-lover, knife in hand, bending over her, his eyes glowing hatred. "So, you thought to escape me, my pretty darling," he sneered. "But now I have you secure in my eagle's nest above the clouds."

"Don't, don't, Eugene!" she screamed, as he reached towards her. "I can't bear you! Kill me, kill me now with that knife, if you must!" she gasped hysterically. "Very well," he snarled, hitting her harshly, "you can either fly away with me or leave me for good—dead."

So, pummeling her again in his rage, and stabbing her twice with his knife in her chest and left shoulder, he bound and gagged her, having smashed her in the teeth as she tried to bite him.



Eugene ordered the pilot to circle low over a mountain lake while he slowly manoeuvres the girl's unconscious body to the cockpit's side. As it slumped there, he gave it a final shove to pitch it overboard through the opened hood.

Then he ordered the pilot, an accomplice, to circle low over a mountain lake while he slowly manoeuvres her unconscious body to the cockpit's side and, as it slumped there, balanced between sky and water, he gave it a final shove to pitch it overboard through the opened hood.

The noisy splash as the girl's body pitched into the lake disturbed a solitary Austrian fisherman. The aircraft's erratic flight had already aroused his attention. Young and strong, he plunged in and within eighty yards found the girl, brought her ashore, uncorked her bonds, and though she was bleeding fast and was terribly bruised, he succeeded in reviving her. She survived.

The same means of transport can also serve the forces of law. After a particularly bold, well-planned, watch-dog robbery at Neuchâtel, Switzerland, two Swiss detectives flew at once to Paris, where they thought the thieves had gone into hiding. There, through co-operation with Interpol, they picked up two of them, but the gang's ringleader was not to be found.

His getaway seemed perfect until two years afterwards the Israeli Central Bureau reported to Interpol from Tel-Aviv that it had caught a burglar called Shalom Gitter with particularly safe-breaking kit, which suggested that he might be an old hand. Judge, then, Interpol's pleasure when, consulting its dossiers, comparing photographs, record and fingerprints, it discovered that Israel's burglar was none other than the notorious international jewel thief, Szulim L. This rascal got the shock of a lifetime when he found out that his true identity was known, and several countries, besides Israel, were anxious to accommodate him in their prisons.

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to blast the rock around him with machine-gun bullets.

Air surveillance proved a godsend also when a New York gangster, having kidnapped a judge's child, mailed a carrier pigeon to him, demanding that he should attach the child's ransom money, a 1,000-dollar bill, to a capsule under the bird's wing and liberate it.

The judge, wisely, asked for police assistance. He then freed the bird, with note attached. But as it took off, so two aircraft, circulating overhead, began to shadow it.

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Belgian blackmailer tried to use a pigeon to extort money from his victim.

The crook went to a big railway terminus in Brussels to dispatch his carrier bird to his intended victim. There, he knew, such a despatch would excite little notice.

He ordered the victim, under threat of exposure, to attach the hush money. In this instance a 10,000 Belgian franc note, to an aluminium tube under the bird's wing. After police consultation the pilot of a Belgian military machine undertook to try to follow the bird home. The police provided a fast car to track the aircraft and the aircraft tracked the bird.

The pilot needed to fly but twelve miles from his birdfold before, to his delight, he saw the bird dive into its home cage. The blackmailer was watching. His hand stretched into the cage to grab the bird and the hush money. But scarcely had he culled the birds' flutterings before the law grabbed him, and it was his turn to flutter, inwardly at least.

Such problems require a quick decision. For the laws of most countries permit of detention up to forty-eight hours as a maximum, in most cases for twenty-four hours only, pending an extradition order. Then, if no order is forthcoming, the local authorities must grant release.

So it is essential in order to defeat crime in the air that the international technique for coping with aerial criminals should be loophole-proof, swift-working and efficient. Thanks to the high speed movements of aircraft, and travel schedules which must be kept, time here is on the criminal's side. Unless, then, a well-oiled, fast-working legal machinery springs to life at the very instant of his landing, he may still cheat justice and cause Interpol unnecessary search problems.

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Focus on FINCH

WOULD Mr Peter Finch not be needing a case of champagne now, the wine merchant was anxious to know. Mr Peter Finch assured him, over the telephone, that the situation was not desperate. Then he poured me a glass of Beaujolais.

The news that he was to sign a £70,000 film contract had resulted in a flood of calls to his Dolphin Square flat. People wanted him to buy, to donate, to dine—or to pay up.

"They all seem to think," he said sadly, "that I've already got the £70,000. That's the amount I'm supposed to get over seven years. If I last that long." (In 1961 he will be 46).

Though he will draw his £70,000 on what might be called "never" never system Finch (at times hobo, waiter, sheep-hand) has not done too badly. He could afford that case of champagne. But the only luxury he has thought of permitting himself was the purchase of an icon. And he decided he couldn't afford that.

Soon Finch will be seen in his first starring role. "Make Me An Offer."

For Finch the stairway to the top has been an escalator; but a slow one. He has not got five big stars have played major roles in the five chapters of his success story.

Chapter 1: Sir Laurence Olivier, the Good Fairy and hero of the story, saw Finch playing in Mollere in a glass factory in Australia. "If ever you come to London," Sir Laurence told him, "do get in touch with us."

Chapter 2: Sir Laurence co-starred him with Dame Edith Evans in James Bridle's

"Daphne Laureola." This was a tremendous opportunity. The audition was an ordeal, but when it was over Finch heard a voice saying out of the dark: "You don't know me, young man, but I'm Edith Evans. I'll be seeing you on Tuesday."

"Edith is great," says Finch, "and what presence of mind she has, too. Once I got something in my eye when she was in the middle of her big speech. Tears were coming down my cheek. Somehow, during that complicated speech, she managed to whisper to me: 'Have a good cough, boy, in the next laugh.' It worked, too."

"When I was forcing the comedy once she said a memorable thing to me: 'Comedy is firing powder puffs out of cannons—not cannon balls.'"

Chapter 3: Finch—at the instigation of Sir Laurence—plays Iago to Orson Welles's Othello.

From Olivier he had learned dramatic discipline, from Dame Edith dramatic delicacy. "From Orson," says Finch, "I learned how to dodge better and faster than I ever dodged at rugby football. With him standing there on his elevated soles about eight feet high and nearly as much in diameter, I not only didn't get upset, I hardly got into the lights."

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His £70,000 is not yet in the bank

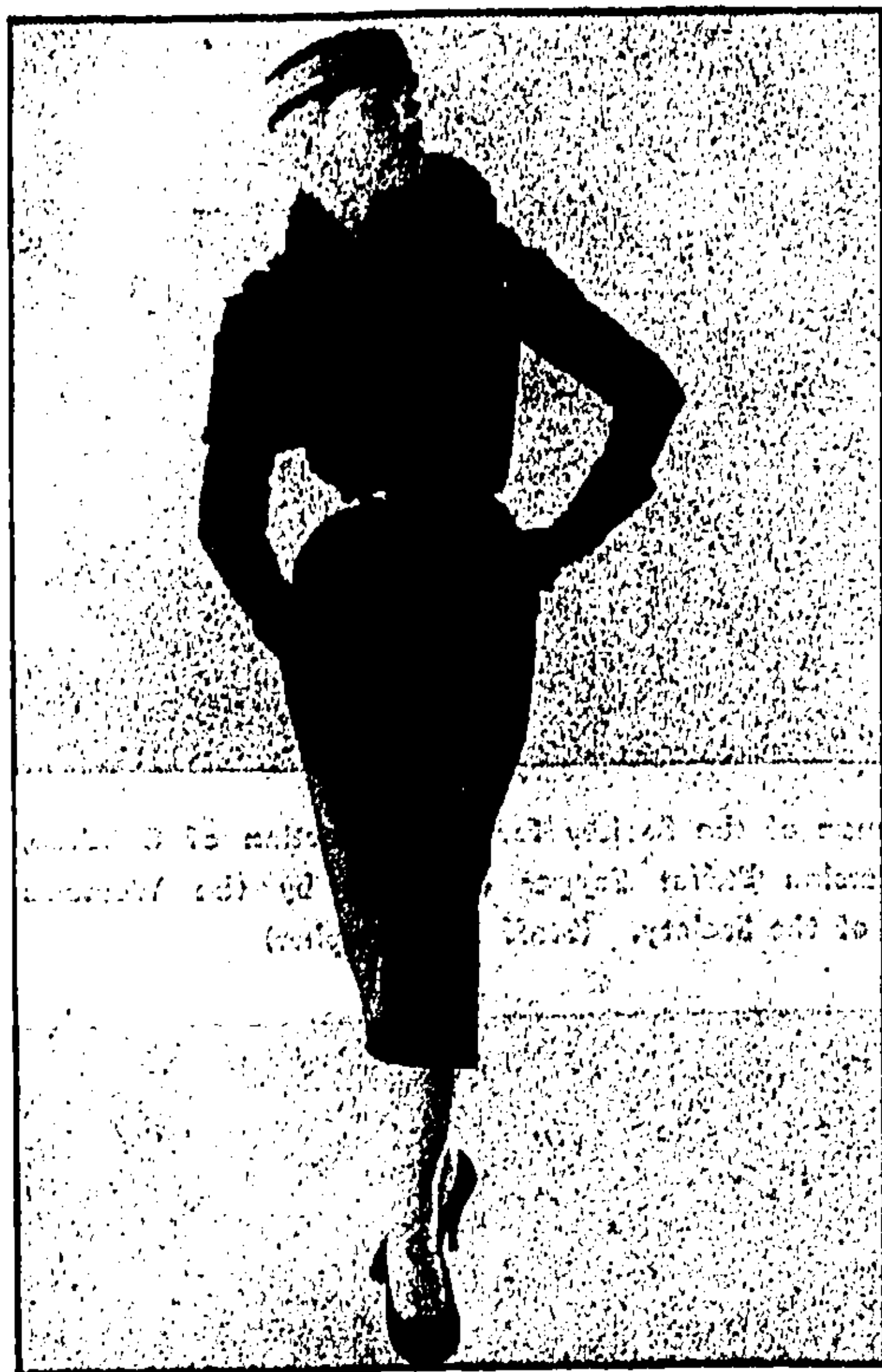
A BOUQUET

The Finches arrived in London and found a bouquet from "Larry and Vivien" in their hotel room and a message saying: "Do ring us."

Finch rang and was soon on the way to cocktails at the Olivier's Chelsea cottage, with Sir Laurence himself opening the door. This was high living.

WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

New Way With Shawl



A stunning number from Pierre Balmain's "Jolie Madame de France" collection. Known as "Rita", this dress is of black and brown wool. The shawl is of the same material, lined with black tulle. The small hat worn by the model is of black wool, draped with brown coloured muslin.—Agence France-Presse.

NOVEL FABRICS MAKE NEWS IN FASHION WORLD

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

LONDON. FASHIONS for 1955? In hats, it will be the styles of the 1930's—if Aage Thaarup, one of the Queen's milliners, has his way.

He is reviving the be-ribboned sailor hats and large-brimmed models of the pre-war years. He promotes pale shades, including pinky mauve, and two he has named "tea with" and "tea without."

These styles will be included in the collection he takes with him on his round-the-world trip. They will be worn by women in Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

shantung and washes just as easily. It seems to be breaking sales records, and three million yards of it have been ordered by home and overseas buyers. Other materials to watch for this year: polished cotton that gleams like silk, satin-striped cotton and tweed-like rayon.

There are many "mixed" materials around and two of them are used for the outfits illustrated here. The full skirted dress is in a nylon and cotton mixture with a different lining—a plain metal thread running through it. The dress and jacket outfit is in a rayon and metal tweed.

This year we will see the return to practical beachwear, for last year's bad summer has

This will be the petticoat's most popular year since the New Look. Not since then has there been so much variety at such reasonable prices. Favourite materials are nylon, tulle underlined with net, cotton edged with broderie anglaise. Favourite style is fitted over the hips and finished with two deep flounces down the hem.

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The top designers are the ones who have not yet had their say. Their turn comes at the end of the month when they show their export collections. Just what they are planning is not known yet, but the recent will be on warm weather wear. Overseas buyers will be there to choose the styles they think suitable for their own countries.

To mark the occasion, the Duchess of Gloucester will be there, and also, of course, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Guesia will be able to view the gold plate of the City of London, for this is to be displayed for the occasions.



This dress and jacket outfit is in rayon tweed, high-lighted with a metal thread. Style points to note: big collar and cuffs on the jacket, and the square neck of the dress.

This year we will see a host of new materials. Moving up to take second place behind cotton is a new spun rayon which looks similar to cotton and has the advantage of being cheaper. Its makers call it "cottonised rayon" and claim that it has all cotton's practical qualities. It is easy to wash and dry, keeps its colour and will not shrink.

At the other end of the scale, there is another new rayon which looks like silk



This full skirted dress, with dropped waistline and shawl collar, is in a nylon and cotton mixture with a plastic metal thread woven through it.

forced beachwear makers to produce wearable designs. They realise that they cannot sell crazy styles which are out of date in a year, long before they are worn out. So they have thrown the exotic styles overboard and concentrated on models that will brighten the holiday wardrobe—and last for a few years. Favourite style is the one-piece, with its long line emphasised by frilled trimming from top to hem.

Scope is still left for any who like crazy fashions, provided they stick to accessories. A cone-shaped straw bag with bamboo rings for handles acts as a beach bag, but transforms into a beach hat if you prefer. A swimsuit has a matching terry towelling jacket, printed with luggage labels; it is presumably meant for the stay-at-home who like to appear cosmopolitan.

New York. A MANHATTEN hair-dresser has come up with a new switch in hair colouring. He "paints" the coiffure with pastel chalk available at any art supply store.

The chalk can be used to provide a single contrasting streak, or to give the whole head a rainbow brilliance. It comes in 12 colours, ranging from pale yellow to deep purple and charcoal.

Frederick of Coiffures by Frederick hit on his chalk-it-on scheme when he sought something different for a beauty show. Women saw and liked and now he chalks about as many heads of hair as he shampoos.

The chalk goes on smoother, he said, if it is applied professionally. But if you want to venture your own streak of blue, green, red or combination of colours, shampoo your hair as usual. While it's still wet, "paint" on the colour, and then set.

WHAT HAVE THESE SIGNORINAS GOT?

By EILEEN ASCROFT

LONDON. WHAT have these Italian girls got? Certainly something stronger and more subtle than Anglo-Saxon charms. One after another, these luscious signorinas become the toast of London and New York.

The sizzling blonde, Marilyn Monroe, lost her pin-up crown in 1954 to the even more curvaceous brunette, Gina Lollobrigida.

Another beautiful Roman has captured England's No. 1 eligible bachelor, multi-millionaire Vincent Hamilton. After only a few meetings in New York, he announces his engagement to Donna Maria Carmela Altobelli de Adelfia.

Two of the most intriguing stars of American stage and screen are sisters from sunny Italy. Pier Angeli, of film fame, and Marisa Pavan, who has starred in three Broadway "hits."

Warm and cold

In Britain we just don't breed the kind of beauty that came to London for the Italian film festival. Mysterious and vibrant, like Eleanora Rossi Drago, Marisa Belli and Lucia Bosé, beside whom the Hollywood product appears cold, calculating and sexless.

Remember the arrival of the six Italian model girls in October? Skinny Maria Bottani, classically beautiful Maria Teresa Piloni, the joys-of-spring girl, Doreen Paglia, and the sensuous Rossana Pescosolido. If any one of them had chosen to remain in chilly London, they could have enjoyed the success of Maria Serrafina, who has reigned as London's No. 1 model girl since she came from Italy in 1952.

The G-L-O-W

What quality do these palatial signorinas possess to make our English girls look like immature schoolgirls?

There is a glow about them that is heart-warming in this age of rather cynical young women. They unaffectedly enjoy life. They like the admiration of men and are unashamed to show it. They love the luxury of beautiful clothes, furs and jewels.

The English glamour-girl is almost non-existent. She doesn't enjoy the role. Revealing sweaters and "plunge" necklines merely make her look cheap. Fascinating a man seems to her unadvisable.

Not so the Italians. They enjoy their sex appeal. A man is always a man to these warm-blooded beauties and, as such, is worthy of their attentions. Perhaps this is their secret.

Facial Massage Tips

By HELEN FOLLETT

THE complexion deteriorates shockingly under neglect and blossoms like a rose when it has daily care. Skin loveliness depends not only upon this but upon general health, too.

A skin glowing with vitality is a priceless beauty asset. This condition is only possible when it is kept scrupulously clean, is frequently lubricated with a nourishing cream to keep the surface soft and smooth.

Face-Lifting Routine

The manner in which cream is applied is important, especially if a woman has reached an age when birthdays are showing. Tissues may be relaxed and need toning. This means that the strokes must be upward and outward, a sort of face-lifting treatment.

Start the application low from the tip of the chin out down the throat. Press light-

to the ear lobes. Just in front of them, no little circles. The first wrinkles often appear in this area where flesh is soft and fibres small.

Light Tapping Movements

After smoothing and ironing the forehead, working from centre to sides, do light tapping movements over the neck and face. Use your fingers like little hammers.

Massage is beneficial because it gives a get-up-and-go signal to the blood streams from which cells get nourishment. It helps the glands function normally; usually they slow up in the mid-years, and this means that the dry skin that wrinkles early. If you are in this bracket, be sure to lubricate skin with cream or baby oil.

Hot and cold water are not for the skin that has lost bloom and delicacy. Use tepid water when washing your face, or water just warm enough to

What about this for your New Year's resolution? Ten minutes a day spent on hair, skin, hands and figure is not a big price to pay for a new glamorous YOU in 1955.

Let's start today with the hair. Change the colour.—If you have been "mouse" for years, indulge in a few professional highlights or give yourself a colour rinse.

Excelling last-minute party glamour comes out of a bottle. You either spray or paint it on to the hair. Silver looks wonderful on blonde or grey hair, bronze or Auburn on dark hair, and gold on brownettes.

Change the texture with a quick pick-me-up for tired and lustreless hair. Before washing once a week, massage well with warm almond oil, then wrap a towel round the head for two hours before shampooing.

Give the hair 50 strokes night and morning with a clean hairbrush, with the head bent down towards the toes.

When you have combed the hair back into its set, polish for a few minutes with a pure silk cloth. This is a trick that model girls like Helen Connor and Gloria Clarry use to give their hair that wonderful sheen.

No bad children

I agree with Judge Jacob Parken, of New York, when he says: "There are no bad children—only neglected ones."

The child with an unsatisfactory home background can usually be recognised by his manners.

I had a good demonstration of this when I took a box of toys to an orphanage at Christmas. Only one child knew how to say "Thank you."

The others fought over their presents, complained that they didn't care for them or asked for something else.

Their uncouth behaviour and their greed made them even more pathetic. For gratitude and good manners are taught to the smallest child by the loving example of their parents. When this is missing, these first simple lessons go unlearned.

Most of these children were fairly new arrivals at the orphanage. I am sure that after a short stay and care their behaviour will improve.

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TOASTING each other at their wedding reception are Mr Jeffrey Christopher Astwood and the former Miss Joyce Gomersall. They were married at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

DR Lea Mah-liong, Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Children, buying tickets at the Perlan Buffet Supper organised by the Women's Auxiliary of the Society. (Staff Photographer)



SCENE at St George's Ball, held in the Peninsula Hotel. Left: Leading the procession in to supper are His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Mrs G. E. Marden, wife of the President of St George's Society. Lady Grantham is escorted by Mr Marden. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Mr and Mrs John Finnie who left Hongkong on retirement in the President Cleveland. Mr Finnie was Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at St John's Cathedral last Sunday after the ordination of the Rev. Dr K. H. Uttley by the Bishop of Hongkong. Dr Uttley is second from left in the front row. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Wedding of Dr James Hung and Miss Irene Young at St John's Cathedral last week. (Ming Yuen)

GROUP picture taken at the wedding of Mr John Hunter Cockburn and Miss Evelyn Yvonne Jarratt, which took place at the Union Church, Garden Road.

THE noted Hollywood film director, Mr Henry King, talks to reporters on his arrival at Kai Tak Airport. He is here to study locations for the film of Han Suyin's "A Many Splendoured Thing." (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Gay scene in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University when the Education Society of the University held its annual dance. (Staff Photographer)



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THE Ladies' Purse at the Valley races on Wednesday—the second day of the annual meeting—was presented by Miss Rosemary Frost, who is seen above with the winning jockey, Mr. H. C. Pih (right), and Mr. D. Benson, Chairman of the Stewards. Mr. Pih rode King A to win. Right: Mr and Mrs Tsang Shiu-hak leading in Apple Pie, which won the P & O Cup and paid a big dividend. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Visitors to the Biology and Physics Exhibition at the Northcote Science Building, Hongkong University, inspecting marine specimens on view. (Staff Photographer)



MR James Jolly (right), Director of Marine, greeting the Hon. John Kewick at the cocktail party given by the Department at the Hongkong Club. (Staff Photographer)



MRS R. B. Black (extreme right), wife of the Colonial Secretary, inspecting patients' handwork on her visit to the Kwong Wah Hospital on Wednesday. (Staff Photographer)



BRIDE and groom and their attendants at the wedding of Mr Stanley Hung Shek-chiu and Miss Kathleen Lowcock, which took place at the Rosary Church last week. (Staff Photographer)



STUDENTS of Royden House representing 12 nationalities—British, American, Chinese, Austrian, Dutch, French, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Siamese. Such a large number of nationalities gathered in one school is unusual, even for cosmopolitan Hongkong.

RIGHT: Lance Corporal Tom Brittain, of 40 Division Battle School, Saikung, pictured with some of the village and junk children who were entertained by the Battle School staff at a New Year party, where there was plenty to eat and drink, plenty of toys and gifts and a grand film show to finish off.



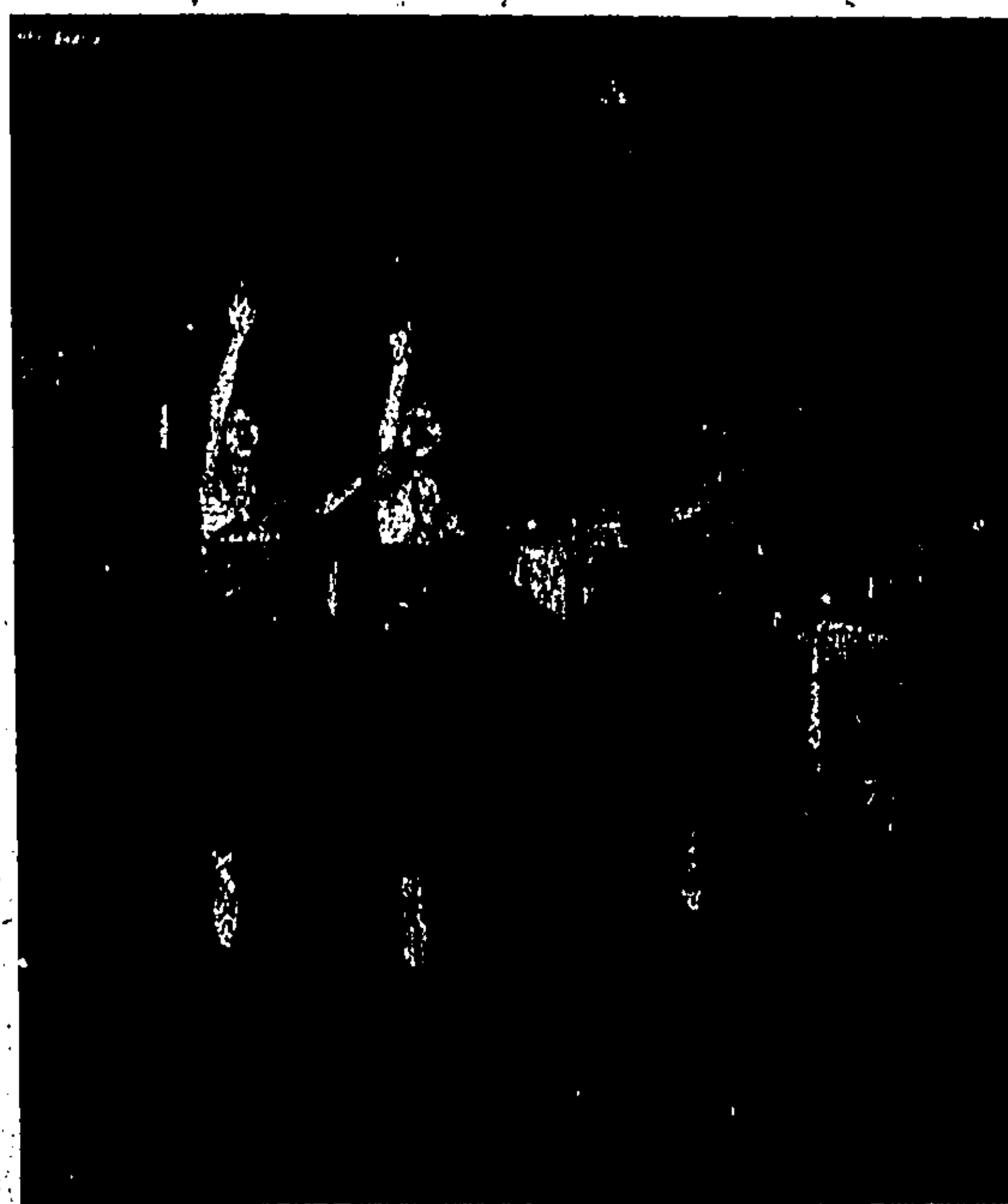
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THREE young ladies delight with a ballet item at the annual dinner dance of the Hongkong University Alumni Association, held at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday. (Staff Photographer)



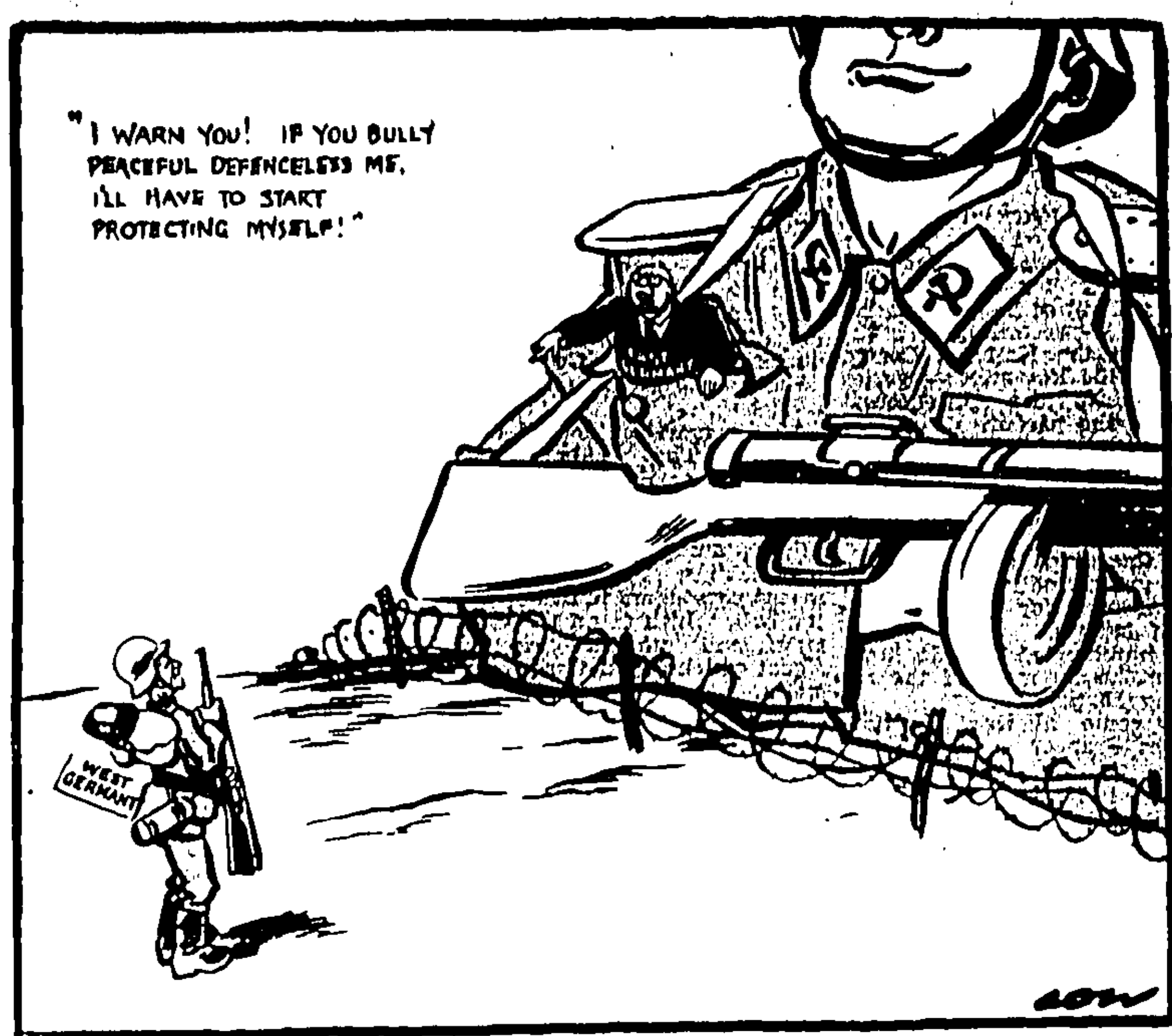
LIEUT-GENERAL Sir Otto Lund, Commissioner-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance Brigade, stepping off his plane at Kai Tak on Thursday. Sir Otto is here on a week's visit. (Staff Photographer)

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VOLTE-FACE OF THE GREEK COMMUNISTS

By Walter Kolarz

ONCE again a European Communist Party has carried out a sensational volte-face, this time the illegal Communist Party of Greece. In a short announcement the Central Committee of the Party has withdrawn the new Party programme in its entirety.

Such a step is unprecedented even in the long history of the Communist International. To the best of my knowledge there has been no previous instance in which a whole Party programme has been officially scrapped, and this less than six months after its publication.

The significance of the latest step of the Greek Communist leaders in exile becomes apparent if we look at the discarded programme which their "Free Greece" radio station behind the Iron Curtain broadcast in the first half of June. The programme was a comprehensive and impressive document, twenty thousand words in length. It started with a long historical treatise "about the roots, origin and evolution of the Neo-Hellenic nation," devoted much space to the Greek national revolution of 1821, gave an outline of the development of the Greek labour movement from the Communist point of view and ended with a detailed blueprint for a Greek People's Democracy.

Most Important

Of course, this last section of the programme was the most important one. It must be admitted that it stated the aims of Communism in Greece openly and frankly. Let me quote what was perhaps its most significant passage: "The coming people's revolution in Greece will be a People's Democratic Socialist revolution. The authority which will be created will be an authority of a People's Democracy, carrying out the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Naturally the leadership in the Greek People's Democracy will be with the Greek Communist Party. No other party was mentioned in the programme except the pro-Communist Agrarian Party, with which the Communists want to merge "when the conditions are ripe for it."

Wholesale nationalisation of industry was advocated and the Party's adherence to collectivisation of agriculture was hardly disguised. Indeed, the programme said flatly that the existing agricultural co-operatives must "develop towards 'higher Socialist' forms."

Embarrassing

The Greek People's Democracy will, of course, imitate Soviet Russia and the other Communist States. "The workers of our country," said the programme, "will have as a model the people of the USSR." The Greek Communists also pledged themselves to employ "Soviet scientific methods in agricultural economy"—presumably the discredited methods of Lysenko—and to adjust them to local requirements. Finally, the programme indicated that the Greek People's

democracy might want to absorb territory in Greece's western neighbours, for it promised the "right of streets" to national minorities.

One can easily understand that this frank statement of Communist aims could not be very popular with the Greek people generally, and that it was bound to jeopardise the chances of a left-wing coalition. The extreme left-wing group, the United Democratic Left (usually known under its Greek initials as EDA), which acts as a cover organisation for the illegal Communist Party, must have feared the programme extremely embarrassing.

So to make the task of EDA easier, the Greek Communists withdrew their programme. The decision was taken on November 22, 1954, and announced on November 25, three days before the second ballot in the Greek municipal elections.

The Greek Communist Central Committee did not conceal the considerations which prompted the withdrawal of the Party programme. It stated that the discussion of People's Democracy as an "eminent and direct aspiration of the Communist Party" might be "an obstacle to the

further unification and struggle of the patriotic democratic forces in the country."

In other words, if the Greek Communists continued to advertise their programme, it would not only be a failure but also a danger to the Party's survival. But, as the Party cannot carry out without a programme, the withdrawal has been a tactical move to avert a political disaster.

Scapegoats

This drastic policy switch can hardly be implemented without some prominent leaders being sacrificed as scapegoats. Such a move would be in keeping with Greek Communist tradition. In 1945, Georgios Siantos, Secretary-General of the Party, was ousted from leadership because of his "mistakes" in the Greek civil war. In January 1949, "General" Markos, Prime Minister in the Communist rebel "government," was dismissed because he failed to carry out major military operations. In October 1951, the new "Premier," Demetrios Panagoulas, was elected from the Central Committee. A new purge, therefore, seems to be overdue.

Angered by quiz about fertility

WIVES WANT TO SLAP SNOOPERS

By Chapman Pincher

MORE than two million British housewives would shut the door on any Government snooper who called to ask for private details of their married lives. That fact emerges from the final Fertility Report of the 1946 Family Census issued by the Government.

Door-to-door callers quizzed more than a million wives, widows, and divorcees to get the information on which the report is based.

They asked questions about marriage dates, the birth dates of first babies, and husbands' jobs.

They called on a further 177,000—14 percent of the total—who refused to give the information or were repeatedly "not at home."

SECRETIVE LOT

If this sample of British wives is representative, as statisticians Professor David Glass and Professor E. Grebenik believe, it follows that more than two million women firmly refuse to have their private lives pried into by officials.

One woman told the census chiefs: "For six years I have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to tell you that I am a married woman."

portunity to tell any department or official connected with the Government who presented me with a form to fill in to mind their own business. That opportunity has now arisen."

The husband of another threatened to throw any quizzier who called into the nearest horsepond.

Why were so many women so secretive? One reason may be the statisticians' claim that among the wives of manual and agricultural workers about one in every four is expecting a child before her wedding day.

MAIN FINDINGS

But most of them seem to have refused to help simply because they objected to official prying which they thought would serve no good purpose.

The five main findings of the report do little more than prove the obvious:

1. The size of the average family has declined since Victorian days. "A woman married in 1920 had only half as many children as a woman married before 1890—2.5 instead of five on average."

2. The number of childless marriages had doubled since that time.

3. The older a woman is when she gets married the fewer the number of children she is likely to have.

4. Deliberate limitation of family size is more widespread than some authorities have stated.

5. Couples tend to have as many children as they want in the early years of marriage and then have no more.

"Rename the Labour Party and reconstruct its policy . . ."

TORIES HAVE SPLIT MIND ABOUT THE SOCIALISTS

London. IF you can imagine such a paradox, we Conservatives in Great Britain are becoming worried about the health of the Socialist Party.

I do not mean that we lie awake of nights wondering whether Mr Attlee is apt to catch a chill, or Aneurin Bevan burst a blood vessel. Man is but mortal, a truth which at least Mr Attlee accepts. Each of us in his turn lights a candle which must flicker sometime to its end. I must say, though, that politicians keep glowing longer than most people.

Quite frankly, the Tories in Britain are suffering from a split mind about the Socialists. We definitely do not want them to win the next election. On the other hand, we are worried about what will happen to the Socialist Party if once more it goes down to defeat.

Only twice in its history has the Socialist Party held absolute power in Britain. That was in the five-year period following the amazing election of 1945 when the Conservatives were hurried out of office with the force of a hurricane. Then there followed that uneasy one year when the Socialist majority was reduced to a corporal's guard in the election of 1950.

HISTORIC

To complete the historical survey, there were short periods when Mr Ramsay MacDonald was Prime Minister, but even then he was the prisoner of the Tories.

Therefore it is an historic fact that over a period of 33 years, from 1922 to 1955, the Tories have dominated the situation, either by sole power or coalition, in all but the six years of Socialist Government following the Hitler war.

It is hard on the morale of the Socialists—and particularly hard on those who have served as Ministers. Imagine the position of a man like Herbert Morrison. When in office he drew £5,000 a year as a Cabinet Minister. Then there comes disaster at the polls, and overnight he reverts to his MP's pay of £1,000 a year. Yet the surtax on his Ministerial salary has still to be paid because it is always a year late.

I hope I am not disclosing a confidence in stating that Sir Winston Churchill was deeply worried about the plight of the Socialist Ministers after the 1951 defeat. I lunched with him on the Queen Mary not long after he had been returned to power in that election, and he talked with the keenest sympathy and understanding about the problem.

By SIR BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

"I wish I could arrange it," he said, "so that there would be no collection of surtax on ex-Ministers' salaries following an electoral defeat." It was typical of the man that, with his sensitive mind and warm nature, he could visualise the plight of his opponents and want to help them.

It is equally typical of some Tory Ministers, and we have quite a number of them, to have no sympathy at all for the fallen Ministers. "They don't have to be politicians," is the usual smug pronouncement on the subject. It would be a bad day, and a retrograde day in history, if political life were open only to those with private incomes or professional appendages such as lawyers and journalists.

IMPOSSIBLE

Yet the problem of semi-permanent relegation to the Opposition benches has other sides than mere finance. Take, for example, the case of Hugh Gaitskill, who succeeded Sir Stafford Cripps as Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer, and who is being touted as the ultimate Leader of the Party.

I imagine that Gaitskill has a small private income, perhaps £500 a year—but this is mere assumption on my part. Having held the immensely important post of Finance Minister, it would have been easy for him to secure first class directorships in the City when he reverted to the rank of a private MP.

But such a move would be impossible. Undoubtedly he will be Chancellor again if the Socialists win the next election, and he could not afford to have affiliations in the City, no matter how strictly he and his business associates maintained a complete severance of relations on his return to the Treasury.

You may think that as an observer and participant in the political arena I am not only weeping crocodile tears but being unduly confident about the coming Tory victory. On the second point I am quite willing to lead with my chin. I predicted a disastrous rout of the Tories in 1954, which caused me the greatest embarrassment when the Socialists produced my article in the middle of the election.

ELECTION

But I also predicted the reelection of President Truman in his last fight, and in a British bye-election last year I forecast that the Tories would increase the majority by 981. Here I was wrong. He only increased it by 978.

Therefore I now give it as my opinion that whether the Conservatives hold a general election next Spring or next Autumn, we shall be returned to power with an increased majority.

Let us assume that this proves to be true. Can Mr Attlee in his 72nd year survive yet another defeat? But if he resigns, shall we then see a fierce battle for the leadership fought to a finish between Hugh Gaitskill and Herbert Morrison?

You may ask "What about Nye Bevan?" Mr Bevan's only chance of leading the British Socialist Party would be if there was an industrial and financial collapse. Like the phoenix he could rise from the ashes—but only from ashes.

The truth is that Socialism is an emotional movement, not a practical one. In the Victorian era the Fabians drew some of the finest minds in Britain, including Bernard Shaw, who were shocked at the inequality of life between the haves and the have-nots. The trade union movement was also born of emotion, but it was able to take a practical and powerful form.

It can be said indeed that trade unionism, Fabianism, the co-operative societies and the Labour Party have all attained their objective. Nor should these achievements be underestimated. There were martyrs in blood, sweat and tears. There were intellects who had to endure the terrors and contumelies of their friends. There were gamblers and bors, and heres and herecs—in other words, just like any political movement in the making.

PARADOX

Undoubtedly they quickened the pace of social reform and, in doing so, began to drain away the strength of the Liberal Party. Then came the feud between Asquith and Lloyd George, which drew still more blood from the weakening veins of the party.

But there was another reason why Liberalism as a coherent political movement came under sentence of death. With Gladstone, Asquith and Lloyd George, the Liberal Party did its work so well that almost everyone in Britain became spiritually some kind of a Liberal.

It is the paradox of politics that when a party has completed its evangelical crusade, it begins to die. The Liberal Party went to impotent death because it had converted too great a proportion of the electorate to its doctrine.

Thus the Socialists swept in to second place in the party setup. It had the vigour of comparative youth; it had the confidence of inexperience; it had the mighty backing of the trade unions; it had the steel corner fanaticism of the zealot.

But not until 1954 did it achieve absolute power, with no coalition with any other party. "Now," said the Socialists, "we shall create the Welfare State."

"We shall help you," said the decimated Conservative Party, "because we have already prepared our plans in the same lines." And this was quite true.

Then what went wrong? More than once I have quoted the old saying of the mining broker in Toronto: "Many a good mine has been ruined by sinking a shaft." Well, that is what happened to Socialism when it came to power.

DILEMMA

How splendid the words sounded on public platforms and street corner rallies: "National ownership of all means of production and distribution." "Hurray! Hip-Hip-Hurray! In decency, the Socialists bought out the owners of the railways, the electricity plants, long distance road transport and gas.

No longer did the miners in the pits have to deal with a scrounging owner or a wage tyrant in the shape of a manager. The boss was out for good and good riddance to him. Instead of the boss there was remote control, and if there is anything the British worker hates it is just that. However, Socialism carried through its programme, including the establishment of the Welfare State. And in 1951 a grateful nation threw them out of office and sent back the Tories once more.

Which brings us to the Socialist dilemma of today. In foreign policy, there is almost no difference between them and the Tories. In matters of defence, the Socialists' not only played their part when in power but bravely introduced peace-time conscription.

The electorate wants no more nationalisation, but they would like bigger pensions and more benefits from the Welfare State, and better housing.

But where is the money to come from? The taxpayer is bled to the limit, so there is no hope in that direction. The nationalised industries are struggling against the dead hand of bureaucracy, despite strenuous attempts to bring about increasing efficiency.

RELUCTANTLY

Reluctantly, sadly, the Socialists have come to the conclusion that the Welfare State can only be developed to its full stature if there is vigorous and prosperous private enterprise.

Which prompts the old, old gag: "This is where we came in."

But not even a Tory like myself believes that we should have a Conservative Government for ever. Two things are bad for the health of a political

party: 1. Too long a period of power; 2. Too long a period of opposition. Naturally I make an exception of Canada, where permanent one-party government seems to be working fairly well.

Yet there is one move which Attlee could make if he had the courage and the vision. Let him make some such pronouncement as this:

"We the Socialist Party, have won our historic struggle against prejudice and against vested interests. The street corner days are over, just as the hunger marches will never be seen again. The Welfare State has been established and the poorhouse is as finished as the debtor's prison. We Socialists owe much to Liberalism, which suckled Socialism in its infancy. Therefore we have decided to rename our party and reconstruct our policy in many directions. Henceforth we shall be named The Liberal-Socialist Party."

REBELLION

Bevan would bech fury. There would be mass protests. The Communists would howl to the moon.

But remember this. There is no Parliamentary Liberal Party left except for a Lander and a male quartet in the Commons, but there is still a big Liberal vote. No true Liberal wants to vote Tory if he can be offered a sound, respectable alternative.

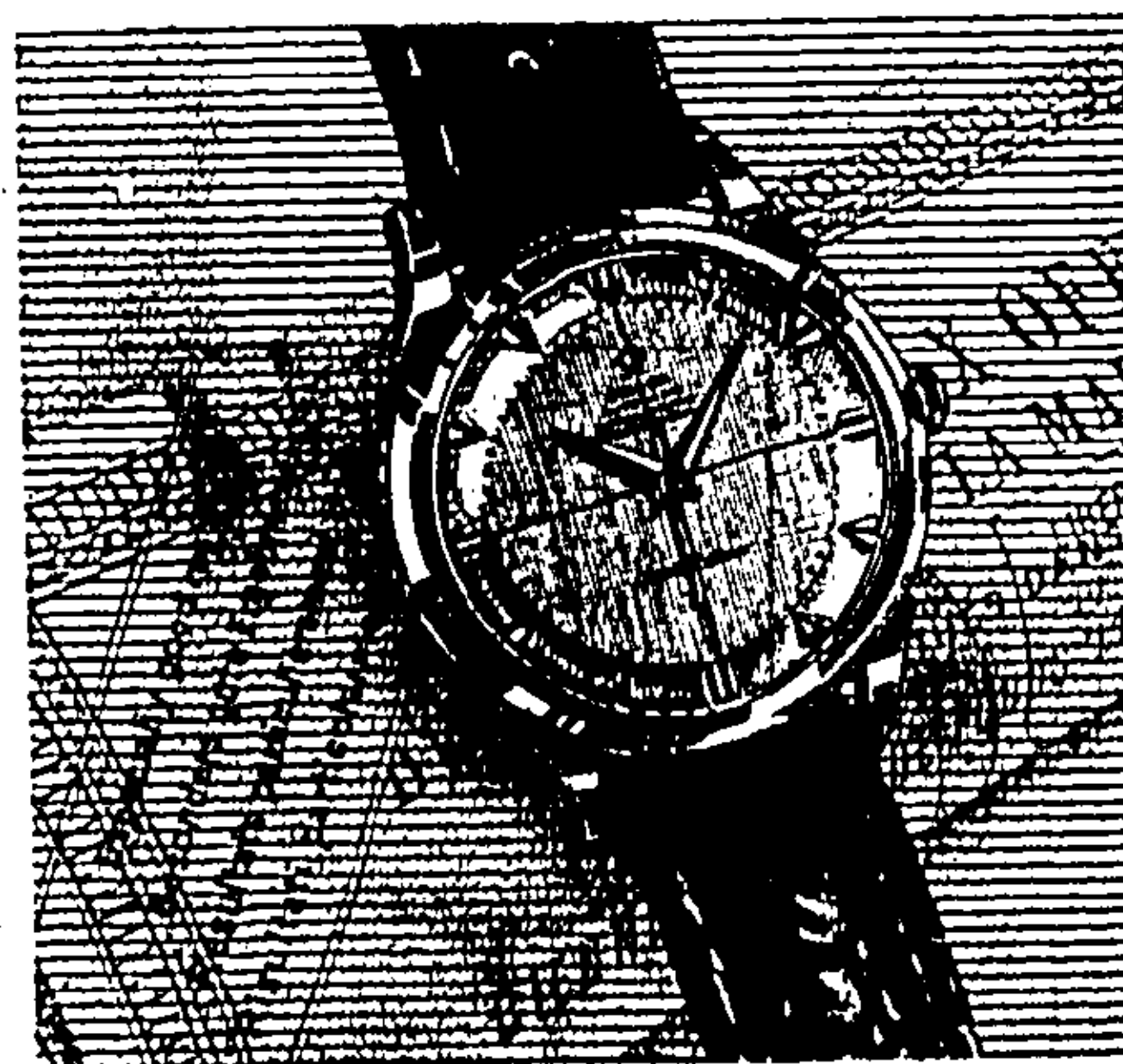
Such a move cannot take place before the next general election, but if the Socialists go down to defeat there will be disruption, feuds, intrigues and open rebellion unless someone produces a plan.

That is why we Conservatives are worried, even though it does not haunt our dreams or take away our appetites.

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Unveils a Witch (in disguise)

BANG! And they're off, the 4,200-odd starters in the Fiction Stakes of 1955. Believe it or not that is the number of novels that were published in 1954.

Neck and neck in the lead are a British (or should I say Welsh?) and an American entry. Mr Richard Llewellyn has gone roaring back to his green

old valley in the good old days with **SWEET WITCH** (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.). The days when we all thought Boney was going to invade us, back.

The lovely, dark-haired, dark-eyed Welsh Lady Sarah has been "finished" in Belgium. She travels to war-torn Wales by stage coach, encountering on the way whole battalions of English Hussars.

They have been told off to repel the French Fleet, which is tossing up and down off Merthyn Bay. A personable young Cornet called George Brummell seems to be in charge of the Hussars.

MORNING MISS DOVE, by Frances Gray Patton (Collins, 10s. 6d.), a story of small-town life in America.

Miss Dove is a schoolteacher. When her father died it was discovered that he had been embezzling the bank funds. So Miss Dove squared her shoulders and told the bank manager she would pay back every penny.

So she did. And the only way she could earn the money was by teaching successive generations of school tots geography, good manners, tidiness, and deportment.

grey-faced and twitching. He goes on and on suffering until he dies, and then Cornelia gets the railroad.

Cornelia meanwhile has fallen in love with black-browed, low-class Allan Marshall, a passionate chap, much given to passing law exams and inventing coupling hooks in his spare time. They marry and have several tots.

Never satisfied

BUT then Allan drifts off to the country to run an anti-Communist newspaper.

This maddens Cornelia, aged 70. Her nephews get the railroad by share manipulation. At this age her figure "might have been that of a woman 40 years her junior," but what use is that (she thinks) if she no longer has the railroad she loves? Well, now honestly, some girls are never satisfied.

Neither, for that matter, am I... because what on earth does that title mean? On the first page of the book I found a little poem beginning—

Man is never victorious, never defeated.

The cheater yields up his loot to the cheated.

And strangely enough this poem is by the author of the book, Miss Taylor Caldwell. Well, well. Whoever else is victorious as a result of all this, I have to admit defeat.

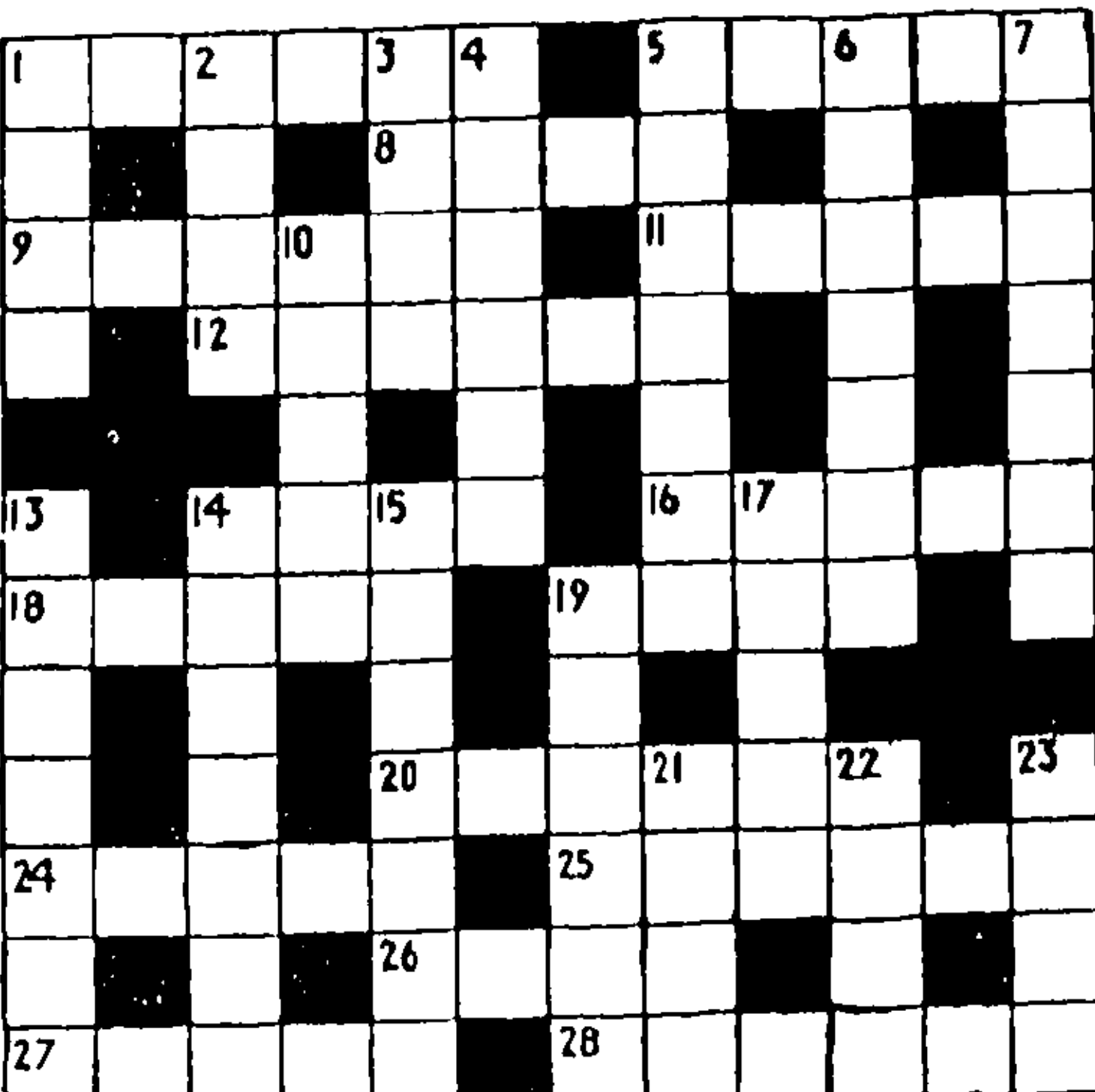
We Germs

ANOTHER nice look for the terms is Jacques in Hawkes's **MAN ON EARTH** (Cresset Press, 21s.), proving as it does, not only that we are part of a divine plan, but also that I started my evolutionary process squirming in a primeval swamp. And I was no bigger than an influenza virus.

Self identity with germs became complete. I lost myself in a deep, deep dream where we Germs had conquered the world, our evolutionary process now being complete.

I am sure Jacquetta Hawkes intended no such fevered nightmares to result from her scholarly, scientific, and poetical work. But there, you see, she did not expect me to read it when I had influenza.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Looking-glass (6)
 - Deduce (5)
 - Intend (4)
 - Bring to light (6)
 - Peer (5)
 - Roundsabout route (6)
 - Vehicle (4)
 - Notions (5)
 - Accustom (5)
 - Difficult (4)
 - General (6)
 - Harsh (5)
 - Documents (6)
 - Pitcher (4)
 - Tendency (5)
 - Brought up (6)
- DOWN**
- Humble (4)
 - Incursion (4)
 - Leave out (4)
 - Answer (6)
 - Lifelessness (7)
 - Established (7)
 - Set free (7)
 - Tree (5)
 - Mosque tower (7)
 - In electrical development (7)
 - Attained (7)
 - Sag (5)
 - Large basket (6)
 - Female horse (4)
 - Close (4)
 - Employed (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Father, 4 Split, 7 Ogress, 8 Cease, 10 Seem, 12 Peasant, 15 Taper, 18 Avert, 17 Aden, 19 Seem, 20 Penalty, 21 Trum, 23 Alike, 24 Jovial, 25 Tease, 26 Sagged. Down: 1 Foolscap, 2 Throaten, 3 East, 5 Pleasant, 6 Innane, 9 Mince, 11 Mince, 12 Pests, 13 Avert, 14 Trembled, 18 Desire, 22 Sofa.

Lady in a twitter

THE Lady Sarah falls in love with Mr Nicklas, known as Mr Smuggles. Mr Smuggles kisses the Lady Sarah "square, hard, and deep," and she loves it.

Ah ha! But the Revenue men are after Mr Smuggles. And they are also after a famous, wicked old witch, known as Grande Shakin Shon Y Gatto (oh!) who is supposed to that square, hard, deep-kissing smuggling.

The Revenue men are ever so beastly, one of them even makes a pass at the Lady Sarah, puts her in a twitter. She is also twittering because she thinks that square, hard, deep-kissing Mr Smuggles is probably Grannie What-not in disguise.

In a terrific scene, requiring the mustering of all the steeple-crowned red-cloaked local ladies (they form fours on the cliffs and so forth Napoleon), the Lady Sarah discovers that her own grandmother, the Lady Rhian ap Rael, is Grannie What-not all the time.

They are going to duck her as a witch. So the local ladies pour in 400 strong, each one claiming to be Grannie What-not, and they duck the Revenue men instead.

In all the hurry-burry Mr Smuggles gets hold of the Lady Sarah and kisses her again. This is the stuff to give the girls. It is also (unless I am mistaken) the stuff to give the film companies.

Lady with a debt

SHARING the honours with this romantic farcical costume piece is **GOOD**

Railroad Trail

THIS is the time of year when we all get flu. In bed we moaning lie or we fight it on our feet with temperatures of 102. A wonderful opportunity to go to bed and catch up on my reading.

So this week, while swigging deeply at hot, neat lemon and aspirin I have also swigged deeply at a book with a tricky title, **NEVER VICTORIOUS, NEVER DEFEATED**, by Taylor Caldwell (Collins, 15s.), a romp among the railroads of the U.S.A. in the last century.

But what can such a title mean, I asked myself, sneezing. And I found it was all about red-haired, vixenish Cornelia deWitt and her extraordinary relatives.

First there is Cornelia's daddy Rufus, who had red hair, too. Rufus was a terrible fellow, with a mistress and a shockin' temper, so his old dad Aaron mistrusted him and left the family railroad to Cornelia's Uncle Stephen instead.

Uncle Stephen is a fearful drip. Most of the book he is

PARADE A COLUMN OF THE UNUSUAL ABOUT PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

FRENCH SPANKING

Frenchmen still resort to the good old-fashioned spanking when their offspring get out of hand. But the technique—according to a report from the National Centre for Scientific Research—varies according to the "intellectual level" of the parent.

The "less educated" classes get down to the job with a will, using straps and canes. The better educated use their bare hands.

But the strap and cane devotees are dwindling in number. They account for only 15 per cent of fathers.

The barehanded brigade, however, make up most of the remaining 85 per cent.

How come all this chastisement in France?

Says the Research Centre: "Much of it is due to bad housing conditions." Simply enough—too many children in too small a space create pandemonium. Father blows his top—and—smack, there you are.

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So they took the vaulting horse out into the exercise yard and vaulted it, and all the time there was one of them underneath burrowing. Afterwards, when the box was taken inside, the man who had been digging had cleverly covered the hole he had burrowed and was hanging on inside the horse.

This way Philipot, Williams and Coder escaped. Their deeds were immortalised in the books Philipot and Williams wrote. Coder was killed in 1952 by terrorists in Singapore.

Museum officials believe the dusty box in the basement is the vaulting horse which showed the three men the way to freedom.

Said one of them: "The horse is identical in every way with the original, even down to the German markings on the plywood."

But there is one way to make sure: They will get Williams and Philipot to take a look at it. If it is the horse, it will probably find its way into the Imperial War Museum.

SHEIKH'S IDEAL Dark-eyed, handsome Sheikh Izzet Gaffer, once rumored to be the man ex-Queen Narriman, ex-wife of ex-King Farouk would marry next, has told the world what kind of a woman he was really looking for.

For one thing, announced the Sheikh in Alexandria, she didn't have to be beautiful. He was looking for something more lasting than beauty—brains.

Since rumours started that the Sheikh would marry Narriman, proposals have been pouring in from girls the world over.

There have been more than 400 of them—from the United States, Britain, Spain, Brazil, Australia—all promising him "extreme happiness" if he would only marry them.

There were letters, daintily written on pink paper, on pale green paper, and delicate mauve paper, and they were all fragrant with perfume.

But all the passionate pleas and perfume could not sway the Sheikh's heart.

Said he: "I will marry only an intelligent, Oriental girl. No Western lady for me. And I want brains before beauty because beauty fades while intelligence lasts."

CHEAPER Down goes the cost of living in Moscow, Egypt, and on a very important item—wives.

You can get them there for a song these days.

Singer Lena Mourad, who used to be General Naguib's favourite singer, started the new fashion.

When marrying a young film producer she asked for only 70 cents as a dowry, and this started a campaign against the inflated bride price.

Said Lena: "Seventy cents and no more—that is all wives are worth."

And that is the cry of Moscow wife-hunters now.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE When The Guests Depart BY HARRY WEINERT



Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail — A "China Mail" Feature

Radio Hongkong To Broadcast A Special Chinese New Year Feature

NEW SPORTS REVIEW

The customs and traditions of Chinese New Year always fascinate Europeans in the Colony, but very few ever get around to finding out what they're all about.

In a feature called "The 30th Night of the 12th Moon" — written and produced by Timothy Birch, listeners can discover the background of the Chinese customs at this time of the year.

Timothy Birch and Margaret Donohue will also be visiting the New Year Fair at Wan Chai, and hope, by means of recorded interviews in shops, and with local holders, to give you some idea of the atmosphere, and of what kind of things are eaten, and bought, and why. This feature for Chinese New Year will be on the air at 7.30 on Monday evening.

SPORTS CAVALCADE

A new sports programme takes the air this evening — "Sports Cavalcade" edited by Brig Young and produced by John Wallace. This weekly sports feature, which can be heard at 8.30 every Saturday, will include this evening all the results of the day's sporting events, an interview with the local sportsman considered to have put up the most meritorious performance during the week, a report from one of the sports centres of the Colony, and "Controversy" — a discussion by Brig Young and John Wallace on one of the most points of local sports, particularly interested to Service listeners, will be the regular "Services Special" feature which will spotlight each week a different aspect of Services sport.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Last week, unfortunately, the Rugby Union match which was to have taken place between England and Wales had to be cancelled at the last moment on account of the weather.

This match is due to be played today at Cardiff, weather permitting, but also scheduled for today is the third Test international match between England and Ireland at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.

A commentary on the second half of this match, by Rex Aitken and Sammy Walker, former Irish international, will, conditions permitting, be relayed from the BBC from 11.40 this evening until 12.35.

THE ERRAND BOY

Sir Compton Mackenzie, the well-known author, pays tribute in the BBC feature to be broadcast by RIK at 9.30 on Tuesday evening, to The Errand Boy whose melodious whistle and cheerful cheekiness brightened the world long before the radio replaced him as a broadcaster of new tunes.

Told as a musical story the programme recalls not only songs popular in the 1890s and the early days of this century, but also the early phases they inspired. The musical illustrations in this programme are provided by Joan Young, John Rorke, Alice Pleon and the Mitchell Men. The programme was arranged by Charles Brewer, and produced by Alfred Dunning and Glyn Jones.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 880 kilocycles per second and on 5.52 megacycles per second in 31 metre band).

Today

12.30 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

12.32 MUSICAL SCRAPBOOK.

1.00 TIME SIGNAL. PETER YORKE AND HIS CONCERT ORCHESTRA.

1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1.30 LETTERS FROM AMERICA (RECORDED LONDON RELAY).

1.45 BOSTON "POPS" ORCHESTRA. "HEART OF THE SYMPHONY" FORCES PROGRAMME.

2.00 OLD TIME BALLROOM, with Sydney Thompson and his Orchestra.

2.30 JIMMIE NOONE AND HIS APEX CLUB ORCHESTRA.

3.00 STUDIO HOSPITAL REQUESTS.

3.30 RACING. A commentary on the Poona Memorial Cup Race at Happy Valley.

Sunday

10.00 a.m. TIME SIGNAL. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

10.02 MORNING MELODY.

10.10 RELAY OF THE SERVICE FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

10.15 RELAY OF THE SERVICE FROM THE REV. J. OLLIVE M.A., O.B.E., M.B.C. Randall (Organist).

12.00 TITO SCHIPA (TENOR) SINGS LOVE SONGS FROM LATIN AMERICA.

12.15 p.m. STUDIO SPORTS TIME.

12.30 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

12.32 VARIETY HIGHLIGHTS.

1.00 STUDIO HOSPITAL REQUESTS.

1.15 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. St. Joseph's v. King's College.

1.30 LATIN RHYTHM. Sonny Martin (Chitarra) and his Orchestra.

1.45 RELAY OF THE SERVICE FROM THE REV. J. OLLIVE M.A., O.B.E., M.B.C. Randall (Organist).

2.00 THE KIRKSTADT DIAMONDS. By Anthony Trollope. Produced by Archie Campbell. Episode 10.

2.30 TIME SIGNAL AND PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

2.32 STUDIO UNIT REQUESTS.

2.35 WEATHER REPORT.

2.40 TIME SIGNAL AND WORLD NEWS (LONDON RELAY).

2.45 COMMENTARY (LONDON RELAY) OR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2.50 ACCENT ON RHYTHM. Stop and go. Martin Aitken Shaw and his Orchestra.

2.55 RELAY OF THE SERVICE FROM THE REV. J. OLLIVE M.A., O.B.E., M.B.C. Randall (Organist).

3.00 CRICKET LETTER (LONDON RELAY).

3.05 FORCES FAVOURITES (LONDON RELAY).

3.10 EVENING STARS — THE LUTON GIRLS' GROUP. Music in my heart. Take the Sun. Someday we shall meet again. Dream of O'Brien. Song of the Fifties. (Trotter).

3.15 FROM THE WEEKENDS (LONDON RELAY).

3.20 STUDIO SPORTS CAVALCADE.

3.25 TIME SIGNAL AND COMPOSER OF THE WEEK — HANDEL.

3.30 TAKE YOUR PARTNERS.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd
January, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race
run at 12 o'clock NOON each day.

The Time Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each
day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00
a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed
throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable
through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of
a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced
by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in
advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during
the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age
of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at
the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the
requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the
RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for
passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the
 Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for
each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five
days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual
Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each
per day of \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained
from the Cash Sweep Office during normal office hours until 10.00
a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be
reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets
will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the
Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a
particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the
number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m.
on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved
will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but
particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on
the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket
bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced
by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also
the right to remove any name from subscription lists without
stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial
Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may
be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 21st January at:-
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.
2, Aqueduct Street at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their
tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS and TICKETS FOR REFUNDS
MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE
COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER
THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST
RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR
DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate
within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards.
H. MIRA,
Secretary.

Films—Current And Coming

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parodies the use of one song
twenty versions, that could have
been based on this.

"Alexander" is given a fast-
time routine. Scottish music
and even dancing into a Latin-
American cad by the time the
Donahues had gone through the
trap door and returned in their
last change of costume for this
one number I was a little tired
of Mr. A. and his international
band.

It's a very long show and so
full of snappy dialogue that I
shant be doing anything
replaceable if I quote Ethel
Morman's suggestion for the
title of Marilyn Monroe's show.
Marilyn has just wheeled
O'Connor into agreeing that
she shall have the Donahues'
song "Heat Wave" and Ethel
snaps "What! she call her new
show... 'Heat Wave' Borrowed,
Something Blue?"

There's nothing borrowed,
however, about Marilyn's inter-
pretation of the old Ethel Wal-
ters' "Heat Wave". She com-
pletely changes the meaning by
her emphasis and Irving Berlin,
who very closely collaborated
with producer Sol Siegel and
Director Walter Lang, must
have been surprised at the
freshness of this twenty-year-
old song.

I think the best tribute that
can be paid to "There's No
Business Like Show Business"
is that it glorifies family life.
The Donahues come out as
very real family, behaving as
normally as the fairy tale world
of the stage allows and solving
their inevitable problems sen-
sibly as they come along.

STILL ROUTINE

Alan Ladd is the star of
"Drum Beat", with Pier
Angeli's sister, Maria Pavan, as
the Red Indian girl who loves
him.

It seems a little unfair to
Marina to identify her as the
more famous Pier Angeli's
sister, but the resemblance is so
remarkable and the mannerisms
and speech so alike that it is
inevitable that she will be
compared with her elder sister.
There were, apparently, con-
trary to the old fashioned con-
ception that "every white man
hated the Redskins, many men

"Sitting Bull", whose name
must be familiar to everyone is
the current Red Indian character
to be accorded screen immor-
tality and J. Carol Nalish has
made him a sympathetic charac-
ter and a reluctant warrior.
To U.S. Cavalryman Dale
Robertson he proves a chivalrous
enemy and even the dreadful
curses of Little Big Horn
which succeeded General
Custer's last stand is justified by
Custer's actions.
John Lill, who must have
supported more potential stars in
their build-up pictures than most
other featured players, is a Gen-
eral, and Mary Murphy his pou-
lting daughter.

SAMMY PREPARES



Sammy McCarthy of Stepten seen in training at Brighton for the defence of
his British and Empire featherweight title against Billy Kelly of Londonderry at
Belfast today.—Central Press Photo.

HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

Saints Meet Braves In A Crucial Tilt Tomorrow

Nine League and three International Series games are scheduled for the
Chinese New Year holidays. The Pennant-holding Saints will meet the ex-
Champion Braves in a crucial tilt in the Senior "A" League on Sunday, commencing
at 2 p.m.

The two teams have not yet met this season, an earlier fixture having been
ruined out. The Saints are more experienced players but advancing years have
taken toll of their speed. They also seem to be short of practice and are loosely-
knit as a team. But their batting strength is still powerful and their fielding is
fair.

The Braves are a younger and
faster team and have indulged in
more practice sessions. Their
batting is as powerful as the
Saints' and their fielding is
good. Their pitcher, Jack
Pedraza, is not as fast as Vic
Brown, but he makes up for this by using his
head to advantage.

Both teams need a victory.
The Saints have lost once and
can't afford to do so once again.
The Braves have lost two games
in the Pennant campaign and a
third loss will mean the end of
their championship hopes.
The two teams met twice and
each won a game last season.
It is difficult to say who will win
tomorrow. On paper the Braves
look a little better. They have
beaten the Saints at full strength
the Tribesmen should hold a
slight edge. Neither side can
afford errors.

Delawareans meet Warriors in
the other Senior "A" match. The
latter, with more experience and
ball artistry, should come out
winners.

The Senior "B" League will
see Overseas "A" taking on the
Pandas "B" and Blackhaws

League Soccer Standings

First Division									
Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Difference	Position
Kitcher	14	10	2	2	32	21	20	+11	1
China	14	9	2	3	28	25	18	+3	2
RMB	14	9	0	5	24	18	18	+6	3
Sing Tao	14	7	4	3	20	18	16	+2	4
East	14	6	4	4	25	21	16	+4	5
St. Joseph's	14	7	3	4	20	18	16	+2	6
Army	14	7	1	6	24	31	15	-7	7
Kwong Wah	14	4	0	10	24	31	8	-7	8
C.A.A.	14	3	1	10	30	37	7	-7	9
Police	14	2	0	12	17	44	4	-27	10
Navy	14	2	0	12	17	44	4	-27	11
Second Division									
Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Difference	Position
K.M.B.	14	10	1	3	25	23	21	+2	1
Western	14	9	2	3	27	21	21	+6	2
South China	14	9	0	5	24	21	18	+3	3
Kwong Wah	14	7	3	4	20	18	16	+2	4
St. Joseph's	14	7	2	5	20	18	16	+2	5
Sing Tao	14	7	2	5	20	18	16	+2	6
R.A.F.	14	6	2	6	20	23	14	-3	7
Tai Kok	14	5	2	7	20	23	12	-3	8
Police	14	4	1	9	12	27	9	-15	9
Gymnastic	14	2	1	11	17	40	5	-23	10
Club	14	1	1	12	19	50	4	-31	11
Third Division									
Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Difference	Position
Jardine	12	10	0	2	24	10	20	+14	1
Little Sai Wan	12	9	0	3	24	10	18	+14	2
Prisons	12	8	1	3	24	10	17	+14	3
R.E.M.E.	12	8	0	4	20	17	16	+3	4
St. Joseph's	12	7	0	5	20	17	14	+3	5
C.A. & W.	12	6	0	6	17	25	12	-8	6
Dairy Farm	12	4	1	7	23	30	9	-7	7
C.M.B.	12	3	1	8	21	34	7	-13	8
Police	12	3	1	8	10	29	7	-19	9
Dockyard	12	2	0	10	10	33	4	-23	10
Tramways	12	2	0	10	10	33	4	-23	11
Fourth Division									
Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Difference	Position
H.K. Aircraft	12	8	1	3	20	10	17	+10	1
H.K. Police	12	7	0	5	20	10	14	+10	2
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	3
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	4
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	5
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	6
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	7
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	8
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	9
St. Joseph's	12	6	1	5	20	10	13	+10	10

Sports Diary

TODAY
Soccer
Div. 1: Sing Tao v St. Joseph's (Clubhouse, South China v Club (C.B.) both matches commencing at 4 p.m.
Div. 2: South China v R.A.F. (C.B.) St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah (Navy). All matches commencing at 2.30 p.m.
Div. 3: R.E.M.E. v C & W (H.V.) 2.30 p.m.; Dairy Farm v Dockyard; Soldiers v R.A.F. Both matches at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.; Prisons v Jardines (Stanley) 4 p.m.; Police v Holland v Lane Crawford (H.V.) 4 p.m.
Racing
Annual Race Meeting Happy Valley third day.
Golf
Stableford and Ecclestone competition.
Boxing
Charity Boxing at McPherson Stadium, Kowloon, commencing at 7.30 p.m.
Athletics
H.K. Inter-Faculty Athletics, Pok-tung, 2 p.m.
TOMORROW
Soccer
Div. 1: Army v Police (Skp); CAA v Kwong Wah (C.B.). Both matches commencing at 4 p.m.
Div. 2: Western v Army (Skp); Eastern v Gymnastic (C.B.); Police v Kitcher (D.S.). All matches commencing at 2.30 p.m.
Div. 3: Watsons v Redifusion; University v Tamar; R.L. v Road Works. All matches at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m.
H.K. Aircraft v H.K. Police at 2.15 p.m.
Hockey
Div. 1: R.A.F. "A" v RN "A" (Kai Tak) at 3.30.
Div. 2: R.A.F. "B" v Sookunpoo (King's Park) at 2.30.
Div. 3: Knights v RN "B" (King's Park) at 4.00.
Div. 4: Nav Bharat "B" v HKIC (Sookunpoo) at 4.00 p.m.
Div. 5: HKIC v HKAA (King's Park) at 4.15 a.m.
Police v Army "C" (Police, Gd.) at 4.30 p.m.
Interport Practice at Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.
Golf
Faulding Mixed Fouromes, Second Round.
Captain's Cup, Second Round.
St. Andrew's Bully Spoon Competition, Fan-tan, 2.30 p.m.
Hockey
Fifth Annual HK Hockey Meeting, Kai Tak Rilla Range, 2.30 p.m.
Div. 1: Dockyard v DBS (KGP); Army v R.A.F. (KGP).
NTACA 400 yards and 800 yards
Fast Race Track Cycle Meeting.

POP

HOW ARE
YOU GETTING
ON WITH
THAT
THING?

FINE! THAT SOPRANO NEXT DOOR—IS MOVING!

DOOR—IS
MOVING!

SKILL DUGGERY

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SAMMY McCARTHY CAN TAKE "SPIDER" KELLY'S EMPIRE CROWN

Says DENNIS HART

By about 10 o'clock this evening Britain will welcome a new
British Featherweight Boxing Champion or maybe a new Empire Cham-
pion. Does that sound Irish? It is.

It's all a matter of a feud between the Kellys and the McCarthy's. Billy
"Spider" Kelly, a fighting Irishman through and through — his father Jim "Spider"
Kelly was also British Featherweight Champion, meets London East End Sammy
McCarthy—who with two sets of Irish grandparents has some good backing for his
Irish name.

Kelly is the Empire Cham-
pion. McCarthy holds the
British title. Both lost in their
crowns in a winner-take-all
scrap.

With these ingredients it
should be one of the best
British boxing dishes for some
time. And what better place
to serve it up than Belfast?

Many reckon Belfast a far
from ideal place for McCarthy.
He has got the name of a
one-town fighter, the town being
London. He has never fought
anywhere else as a professional,
so it is said he cannot get along
without the home crowd to
cheer him on.

Sammy, of the pleasant looks,
has a personality to match. He
smiles where others scowl, speaks
softly and modestly where
others brag. With a couple of
dimples thrown in small wonder
the tough guys have got the
wrong impression.

NASTY SHOCK

I fancy they have a nasty
shock coming at Belfast.
For one thing McCarthy will
not lack support. What with
the McCarthy's of Ireland and
those of London who are going
with him—mother, father, three
brothers and six sisters—there
alone is good vocal encourage-
ment.

Then there are close on a
thousand English supporters,
nearly all from London and
many of them Irish, who will
cross the Irish sea to cheer on
their idol. They travelled over-
night on Friday. The sail-
ing of the ferry was delayed
half an hour to allow them
all time to get to Liverpool.

A party of Irish dockers in
London are chartering two 47-
seater planes to take them
across.

But McCarthy has an even
greater spur—he aims to prove
that he can fight outside his
native London.

In between training spells at
Brighton, Sammy on
occasion, told me of this deter-
mination. "I'll fight anywhere,
any time," he said. "As for
going to Ireland, why, it's like
going home."

HIS LIVING

Chipped in trainer Snowy
Buckingham, "Fighting is
Sammy's living. Where there's

LEAGUE CRICKET

Army South Face A Stiff Test This Afternoon

Says "GOOLY"

Army South will face a stiff test at Sookunpoo this
afternoon when they clash with Army North. This
battle will have some bearing on the Championship. Army
North, who were held to a draw by R.A.F. last week, must
go all out to beat the South team and remain in the
running for the Championship.

On the other hand a win for Army South will put
them in a strong position to annex the title. Army South,
who had a narrow victory over Recreo last week, will
start as favourites. They have more consistent batsmen
and bowlers. Both are good fielding teams and the game
should be a very close one.

Cravenpower Cricket Club
will be at home and their guests
will be Optimists. The much
improved CCC team may cause
an upset if the Chater Road side
are not on the toes. A good
game should be seen.

Recreo should have things
their own way against Navy at
King's Park.

The R.A.F. will be crossing the
harbour to clash with the
Scorpions. They are meeting
strong opposition, but should
come away at least with one
point.

Kowloon Cricket Club, who
have so far been doing pretty
well in the League, will be
meeting the "dark horse", Police
at Happy Valley. The guardians
of the law may spring a surprise
over the Kowlooners, as they
have improved a lot in their last
few matches. However, I still
fancy KCC for an outright
victory.

SECOND DIVISION

The main feature in the
Junior Division will be the clash
between R.A.F. and IRC "A" at
Kai Tak. In the first round the
Indians gave the Airman a
trouncing and won by seven
wickets. A win for IRC today
will give them a sound position
in the table. A draw is a likelier
result.

Recreo should have an easy
afternoon as guests of the Navy
and should have no difficulty in
coming home with the points.
IRC "B" will be at home to
University and a win for the
home team is very likely.

Tomorrow there will be three
games in the Junior Division
with Army at home to KGV,
Dockyard meeting DBS and

KCC clashing with Police. All
the home teams should bag the
maximum points.

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division
Recreo v. Navy
CCC v. Optimists
Army South v. Army North
Scorpions v. R.A.F.
Police v. KCC
University (bye)

Second Division
IRC "B" v. University
Navy v. Recreo
R.A.F. v. "A"

TOMORROW
Second Division
KCC v. Police
Army v. KGV
Dockyard v. DBS

HOW THEY STAND
First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Army South	11	7	1	3	31
KCC	10	6	2	3	28
Army North	10	6	3	1	25
Recreo	10	5	3	2	22
RAF	8	5	2	1	21
Police	10	4	5	1	17
Optimists	9	4	5	0	13
CCC	10	4	6	0	16
Scorpions	8	3	2	3	15
Navy	10	1	8	1	6

SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

WHY NOT ACKNOWLEDGE ABILITY BY OPENLY INVITING THE BEST?

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Let me start the column this week with a question. What do you think of the idea of all First Division players being put on a roll according to their positions, and goalkeepers, full-backs, half-backs and forwards being taken in strict rotation to fill the relevant places in the various Colony representative sides...? Quite ridiculous, isn't it?

I am prompted to ask the question because I happen to know that behind the scenes in local football at the present moment there is a great tug-of-war going on with regard to 'representative honours'. Strangely enough it is not the players who are concerned in this current tussle; it is the referees.

Some officials are apparently getting more of the plans than they are, and they are quite obviously in favour of the system of supplying officials for big games. Their argument seems to be that all Class One referees should automatically take their turn to officiate in the so-called show-games.

Theoretically—and ideally—that is a most equitable arrangement, but just as it is impractical to take players from a list so is it impractical to take referees from a list.

Because, just as there is a variable factor in the ability of First Division players, so, let's face it, there is a difference in the ability of many Class One referees.

The logic and commonsense of such an argument is so obvious that it hardly needs to be pressed any further, and it is surprising that many of the whistlers in the Colony do not appreciate that a system of selectivity would bring a certain honour and standing to the official chosen to handle the big game.

Just as it does to the players who are chosen to take part in it.

Surely no one would pretend that possession of a grading makes all holders of it equal in ability. If this was the case where would the star referees like the Ellises, the Bonds and the Lings be today?

There will surely always be three standards in every type of grading.

GOOD, BETTER, BEST

Some folks might choose to refer facetiously to these as bad, worse and worst, but I believe that it is much more honest to view them in the more favourable light of good, better and best.

My view is that if healthy competition is removed and a non-incentive system substituted, then the only standard necessary is good... but surely the truly ambitious referee would prefer to regard himself as being in the better or even the best class.

It seems that the Hongkong Football Association and the Hongkong Chinese Football Association have an important function to perform here in respect of representative games of which they are the sponsoring body.

When they select players they should also take the opportunity of honouring outstanding field officials by inviting them to take charge of a particular game in a particular capacity.

It is unfair to place the onus of supplying the officials on the various referees' associations, for a system of selection within their own body could be both embarrassing and difficult... unless, of course, the referees themselves introduced a system of closed ballot to vote a colleague into the job.

This would eliminate immediately any suggestion of favouritism or partiality and is practised in many other parts of the world. I still think the best method would be for the spon-

soring body to acknowledge and honour ability by openly inviting the officials they would like to see handling a particular game.

MUST BE FACED
I have heard several comments that the facts about referees and dirty play in Colony football are being exaggerated and that things are not nearly as bad as is being suggested.

This is an optimistic attitude that is not justified by fact nor by recent actions on the field of play. There is no place in the present situation for an optimistic head-in-the-sand. It is a situation that must be faced squarely and a colleague's reference to 'the depravity' of the League match between KMB and South China must give us all further food for thought. Earlier this season I applauded the individual efforts of both of these sides in trying to keep particular games clean.

These were games where the players might have been excused retaliation, so great was the provocation... but while they persisted in playing the game the gaps in their respective line-ups are mute testimony to what they have had to bear.

However, contrary to the accepted rules of science, it seems that last week two positives somehow produced a spark... the spark burst into flame and long before the end the good reputations of both sides were charred and destroyed beyond recognition.

One can feel no sympathy for either club. Great teams and great players should never get dragged down into such depths of soccer depravity as did these two teams.

I have already heard several of the pitiful little excuses that are being offered as reasons, if not justifications, for what took place. I discount all of them. The facts are simply that for some reason... and your guess in this respect is as good as mine... neither team, however big they like to pretend they are, was big enough to play the game, nor big enough to risk the possibility of victory or defeat on the basis of football skill alone.

FESTIVE FARE

Local fans are to be well supplied with festive football fare during the next week. Here is the full programme of senior games:

Today
Sing Tao v. St. Joseph's at Club Stadium at 4 p.m.

Tomorrow
CAA v. Kwong Wah at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.
Army v. Police at Sookunpoo at 4 p.m.

Monday
All Hongkong v. Grasshoppers at Club Stadium at 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday
Hongkong Selection v. Grasshoppers at Club Stadium at 3.30 p.m.

Thursday
Combined Chinese v. Grasshoppers at Club Stadium at 4 p.m.

(Representative games—80 minutes' duration).

The game between Sing Tao and St. Joseph's this afternoon gives promise of being a thrilling affair. The Saints, still smarting from last week's ration of humble pie, will find that the Tigers are a vastly improved side.

It may be that the fast penetrating Sing Tao forwards will swing this game in their favour although the absence of Honnibal will leave their own defence a little bit suspect. A tight tussle that might well end in a draw.

Kwong Wah should get two points at Boundary Street tomorrow at the expense of CAA but Army, with several enforced team changes, will find that the lively Police side is a difficult one to beat. A lot will depend on how the newcomers fit into the soldiers' line-up, but the loss of established players like Wallace and Stonehouse will not be easily countered.

For our Chinese New Year attractions we have a series of games against the famous Grasshopper team from Switzerland. The visitors come with a great record and with many star players in their ranks, but if they think they are going to have a pleasant picnic then they are in for a rude awakening.

The All-Hongkong side is very nearly the best we can put in the field and if the 'foes' of last week decide to be the 'friends' of this week then we may well see this game finish in our favour.

No doubt astute Tom Sneddon has been giving plenty of thought to the tactical aspect of the series and if things go according to plan Grasshoppers will not find it easy to add a Hongkong scalp to their already well-filled bag of successes against some of the best club teams in the world.

The Hongkong Selection and Combined Chinese sides are also strong enough to give the visitors tough opposition... but it will depend on what happens in the opening game... and whether our players find a way to counter the brilliant Swiss right wing.

FAIR'S FAIR

And finally a paragraph to complete an item started last week.

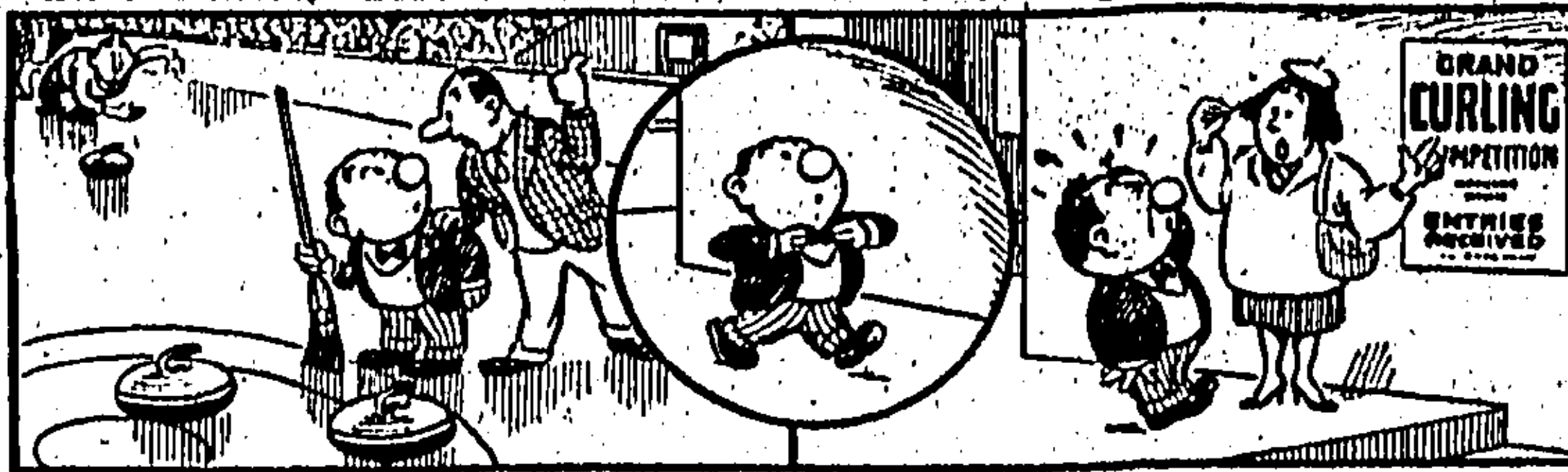
Since the publication of Fair's letter thereto, correspondence shows there is little doubt about the matter of the team manager.

Opinion is overwhelmingly in support of the sentiments expressed by our correspondent that on this particular occasion it would have been a fine and fitting gesture to have awarded the managership of the All-Hongkong team to one of the many thoroughly competent Chinese officials who are available in the Colony.

Some writers offered long explanations as to why it should be so, others have said quite briefly that a good opportunity has been lost to give the honour of leading the Colony team to a long-term official.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



TODAY'S RUGGER

The All-Blacks Should Outrun And Outplay England

Says "PAK LO"

This afternoon, at Sookunpoo, England meet the All-Blacks in the final of the local Internationals and the two losers of the first round, Scotland and the Welsh-Irish, battle it out for the wooden spoon. The latter game will take place first at 3.00 p.m. and the main game of the afternoon, that between England and the All-Blacks, will start at 4.15 p.m.

With members of the RAF now available there have been quite a few changes made in the various teams. The All-Blacks have, naturally enough, made the fewest changes, bringing in only two new men—Rutherford into the second row of the pack and Steward into the centre three position.

There are, however, quite a number of positional changes in the team. Tait moves out to the wing, Ralinger moves out to fly half, and Penman, who has invariably shone in his few games here so far, drops back from wing forward to wing three-quarter.

These positional switches should iron out a very slight weakness on one wing and should make the three-quarter line even faster than before.

The pack, though it is fairly light, has a good push in the scrums and should overcome the English forwards.

PLENTY OF PUNCH

The latter team have a new full back in Potter, and Blincoe is bright in to the centre three-quarter position, while Fleet switches out to the wing.

In the forwards Lamb comes in to the second row, replacing Talano who drops back to look in place of Danakin.

The result of the changes is a better looking three-quarter line, and a pack with plenty of punch and speed in the loose. Parkinson and Brentford are, as might be expected, again the two English halves, and will be the danger spot which the All-Blacks must crush early on in the game.

However, on their last game performance it would appear that the All-Blacks are more than capable of outrunning and outplaying the English, particularly as far as the forwards are concerned, and despite the fact that it will be a close game the All-Blacks will be the favourite to win.

The first game between Scotland and the Welsh-Irish also sees quite a number of new faces in the line-up. This time Scotland will have the advantage of Sleeman and Miller playing in the front row.

Slack drops back into the second row beside Todd, while in the third row the Club's latest acquisition, Kerr, will be given a chance to prove his worth in a major game.

The pack is fairly heavy, but heavy or light seems to make little difference to Sleeman and Scotland should get a very large share of the ball from the set scrums and at least a fair share of the lineouts.

ONLY TWO REMAIN

Behind the scrum Scotland present an almost completely new face to their opponents. Walker and McEwen are the only two of the last game to remain in their places. Petrie takes over from Turville, who had his ankle cracked in the Talpan's game, at fly half.

The new three are Spencer, Campbell, and Hunter. Spencer, taking over from Inglis who has more urgent business at the altar this afternoon, has been showing an amazing burst of speed and he should get one or two chances to show it this afternoon.

Henderson will be the Scottish full back, a position he has been seen in before, and should give a good account of himself.

The Welsh-Irish have brought in Gammion to the wing three-quarter position and McGarry comes in at fly half behind Lloyd of the Police while Collins becomes the full back.

Griffiths and Reeves join the pack and Barker of the Army is the new hooker.

Griffiths should make a big difference to the pack, both in the loose and the lineouts.

The Welsh-Irish therefore have the better three line and one which will take a lot of stopping, and they should see enough of the ball to let them win this game.

With Scotland getting the most of the ball from their forwards it will be a close game and if the Scottish forwards cover up their throats they might just win.

If the Scottish three do not fit together too well the forwards should be capable of taking the ball through on their own.

Very definitely a near thing but the Welsh-Irish three will probably be Scotland's stumbling block, and the Welsh-Irish should win by a few points.

THE TEAMS

England: Potter, Edwards, Blincoe, Howitt, Fleet, Brentford, Parkinson, Dunncliffe, Reid, Jones, Lamb, Ferry, Hill, Talano, Kilvert, Reserve: Woolf.

All-Blacks: Peck, Tait, Steward, Sadd, Penman, Ralinger, Seymour-East, Newman, Mitchell, Hata, Rotherford, Flavell, Harrison, Coates, Clide.

Scotland: Henderson, Spencer, Campbell, Hunter, McEwen, Petrie, Walker, Miller, Sleeman, Rankin, Slack, Todd, Chisholm, Kerr, Annandale.

Welsh-Irish: Collins, Gammion, Stevin, Lloyd, Blackburn, McGarry, Lloyd, Holdsworth, Barker, Boyer, Thomas, Griffiths, Beynon, Reeves, Dawson, Thomas.

In the Land Forces Knockout Competition, RASC will be playing off their game against the 1st Kings Own this afternoon.



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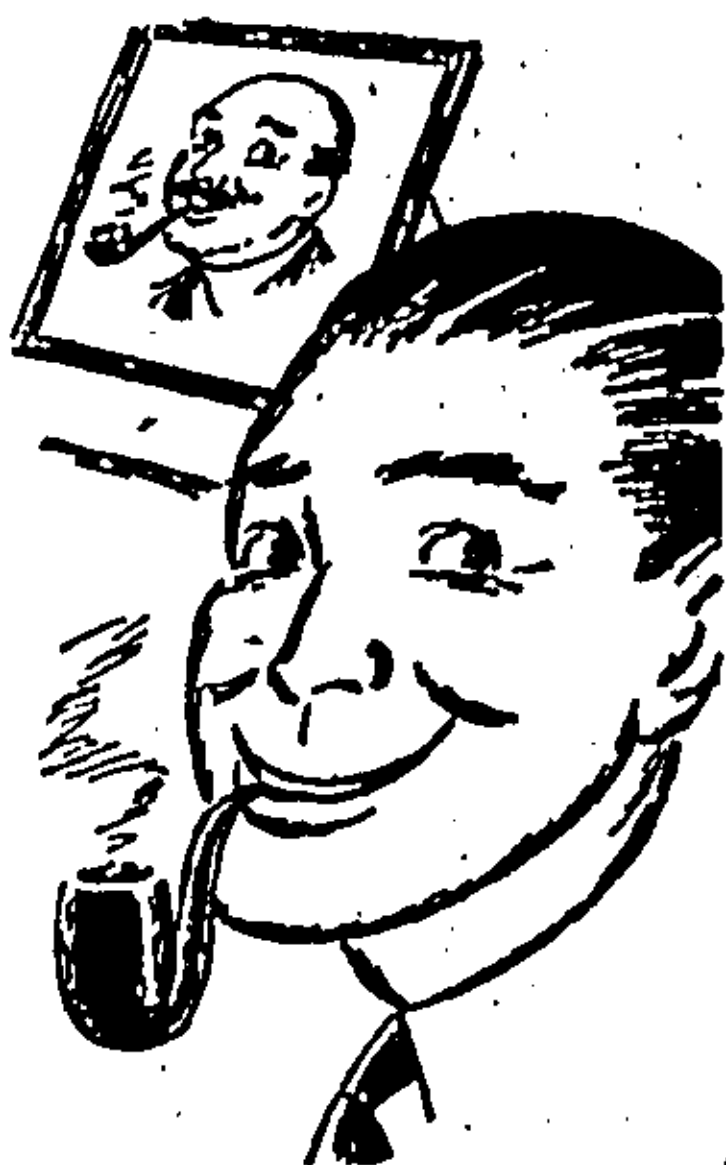
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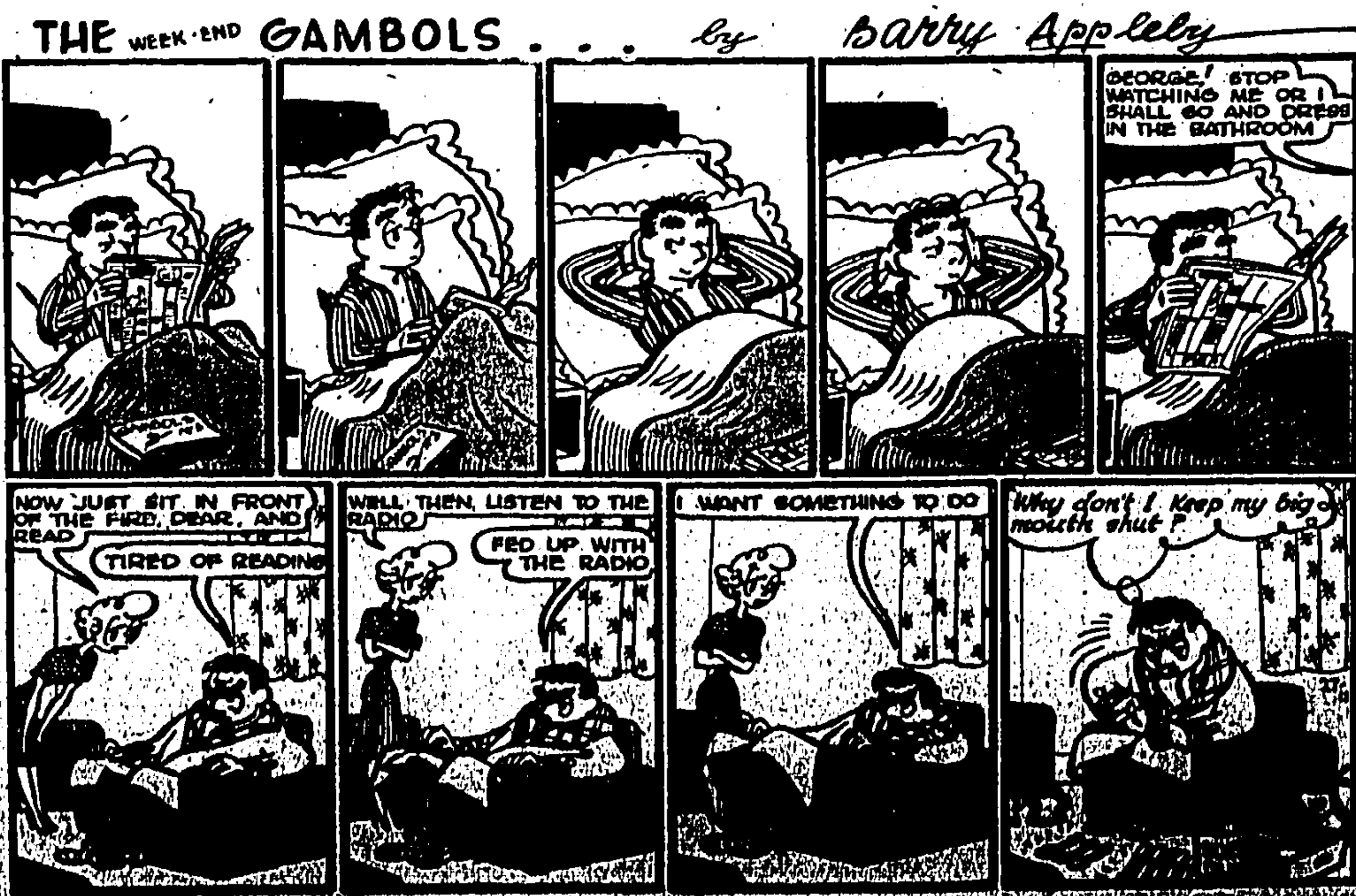
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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

BORN today, you possess exceptional talents and it behooves you to make the best possible use of them. You will find the professions and the arts, especially, hold the highest appeal for you. It would not be wise for you to try to enter business or commerce unless you had an artistic diversion or hobby, something which would express this other side of your nature. This quality in your nature might be satisfied if you became a patron of the arts but it would be a denial of your own creative imagination.

You do have a talent for mathematics, but your interest is more from the point of view of its being an exact science, rather than from a desire to utilize it in practice. You might contribute something to the theory of mathematics—but you would still dislike commercial enterprises dealing with figures for profit.

You will enjoy traveling and will probably visit most of the far places on this earth. If you decide the pleasure of journeying there is worth the expense, you will become a real "arm chair" traveler, poring over books and maps of distant lands to such an extent that your knowledge of them will be outstanding.

Although your emotions are strong, you are very likely to keep any display of them for those in your immediate family circle. You crave domestic happiness and should you make a mistake, the first time, in the selection of a marriage partner, you would probably try again.

Among those who were born on this date are Copernicus, mathematician; Lord Byron, poet; Francis Bacon, essayist; Henry VIII of England; Louis XIV, French; and Countess of Essex, actress. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You could find a problem today. You may find a solution by seeking spiritual guidance in it.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Experts Do Usually Work Miracles

BY OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the embarrassing things about being a good player is that your partner sometimes expects you to work miracles. In today's hand, for example, North overbid rather badly because he knew that the South hand was going to be played by an expert—Col. R. H. Skinner, of Alton Bay, N. H.

If West had led a spade there would have been no miracle, for the defenders would have taken two spades and two trumps to defeat the contract. West actually made the very normal lead of the queen of diamonds which gave Colonel Skinner a chance to make the miraculous contract.

Try it yourself. You win the first trick, of course, and you see at a glance that you can't afford to lead trumps. The opponents would obviously take two trumps and two spades. Hence you begin by running the three top clubs in order to clear a losing spade. What next?

Perhaps you think that it is now time to lead a trump? If so, East wins the first trump trick with the king or queen, cashes the ace of spades, and

NORTH			EAST		
♠ J 6 2			♠ A 7 3		
♥ 7 4 3			♥ K Q		
♦ K Q 7			♦ A 10 9 2		
♣ 10 9			♣ J 5 3		

SOUTH (D)			WEST		
♠ 5 4			♠ K 10 9		
♥ J 10 8 5			♥ A 2		
♦ A K 3			♦ J 10 9 2		
♣ A 10			♣ J 5 3		

Both sides vul.			South		
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

then leads the ten of clubs. West can overruff you with the ace of trumps, and the defenders therefore take three trump tricks and one spade to defeat the contract.

Dick Skinner saw this danger and therefore didn't lead the trumps prematurely. After running three top clubs to discard a losing spade, he continued with a fourth club to discard his other losing spade.

This simple play was very effective. East won a trick with his ten of clubs, but the defenders could then get only two trump tricks. When East led a spade, Colonel Skinner ruffed and led a trump. No matter what the defenders did, declarer could win the return and lead a second round of trumps.

There was no further problem, since there were still two trumps in the dummy to take care of the two low diamonds in the South hand.

CARD SENSE

North—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Diamond Double ?

You South, hold: Spades K-6-3, Hearts 10-4, Diamonds Q-4-2, Clubs Q-J-10-8-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two clubs. This bid does not show real strength, for only a reasonable shows that, but it does show a long and fairly solid suit. You know that you will be fairly safe at a club contract, but you are uncertain about diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-3-2, Hearts A-10-4, Diamonds Q-4-2, Clubs J-10-8-3. What do you do?

Answer on Wednesday



"Do you mean to say that you've only driven this car 236 miles in six months?"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

PLUTINUS, in the third episode of the fourth episode, remarks that the true test of dignity is the ability to preserve a calm countenance in the face of a disaster.

Colonel Wreath, coming out of the Town Hall with Councilor Morrow, was confronted by Wugwell himself. "Way, if I don't Zabbe's, old man in a hurry. How's the business?" Councilor Morrow asked. "This is Mr. Wugwell, the circus man," said Wugwell. "What a nice fellow!" said Wugwell. "The circus man," said Wugwell. "The circus man," said Wugwell. "The circus man," said Wugwell.

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POPULAR RECORDS

SOPHISTICATES should like "Kay Thompson," an M-G-M set of eight smooth adult numbers by this versatile night club entertainer. There is an interesting little yarn about "Poor Susie" and Miss Thompson throws in a couple of standards, "Moonlow" and "How Deep is the Ocean?"

Heading the list of cool albums is a contemporary record, "Modern Sounds in Jazz," with an Algerian, Martial Solal, offering in-teresting piano interpretations of "Ramona," "Dinah," and "Pennies from Heaven."

Fine cool alto sax music can be found in "Laurie Rishard," Vol. 1, "The Quintet," on a Contemporary label and in the Columbia jumbo-sized "Dave Brubeck at Storyville: 1954," featuring Paul Desmond on provocative arrangements of "On the Alamo" and "Gone With the Wind."

Hot Jazz: "New Orleans Styles," an issue of well-preserved vault originals by Label "X," is an off-trail collection of numbers that may be unfamiliar to new jazz fans. But it's the real New Orleans music and features Jones and Collins' Asoria Hot Eight, the New Orleans Rhythmic Kings and John Hyman's Bayou Stompers.

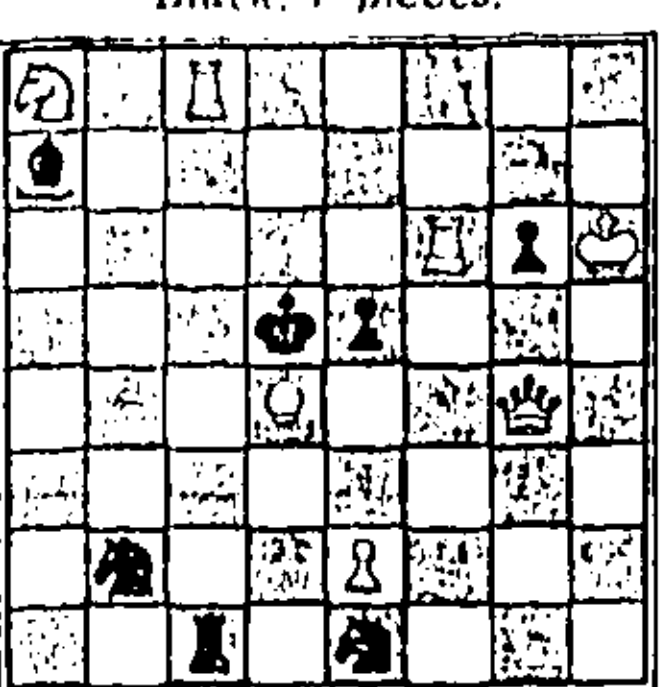
Also heated, but in a different manner, is young Anna Maria Alberghetti's "Kiss, Kiss, Kiss" on a Mercury wafer. Other top singles: "The Honeydrippers" by Billy Williams Quartet (Coral), "Star of Love" by Epic's sensational young Roy Hamilton, and "Wang Wang Blues," a Paul Whiteman version for Capitol.

Best spirituals of the month: "If God Didn't Care" and "Move That Mountain" by the Statesmen Quartet, with Hovie Lister, (RCA-Victor). This is the quartet that recently won first place on Godfrey's "Talent Show" programme with a Rhythmic mixture of "This Old House" and "When the Saints Go Marchin' In."

—WILLIAM D. LAFFLER

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. B. SANTIAGO and J. C. MORRA Black, 7 pieces.



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